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The Meeting on Ministry and Oversight of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Ocean Park, Maine, June 25, 1935.

By reports received from the clerks of Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight we are informed that the following persons have been appointed as their representatives to this meeting:

Rhode Island - Emily D. White,
Augustus W. Benedict, Helen T. Gifford.
Salem - Blanche Howland, Florence Bliss.
Sandwich - James Wild, Annie E. Rose,
Joseph L. Miller.

Falmouth - Lelia D. Marsteller,
M. Melvin Bailey, Alberta W. Millward,
Lindley J. Cook, Lindley M. Binford,
Hattie O. Cox.

Smithfield - Gren O. Pierré, Agnes W. Harrison
Melita B. Fisher, Bertha M. Cole, Arthur Pautmier.
Vassalboro - Elam Henderson,
Harold M. Tollefson, Robert E. Owen.

Dover - Walter S. Meader, William T. Hussey,
Myron J. Jenness, Laura E. Jones.
Fairfield - Florence M. Jones, Arthur Jones,
Alice A. Slough,

Parsonfield - Josephine F. Gerr, Emily M. Jones.

Of these representatives twenty-five are present.

We have the acceptable presence of Gervas A. Carey, a minister from Kansas Yearly Meeting.

We appoint Alvano C. Goddard, Lelia Marsteller and A. Edward Kelsey as a committee to nominate a person to serve this meeting as clerk, two persons to serve on the Gospel Service Committee for three years, and two or more persons to have the care of this meeting next year.

The subject of the discontinuance of meetings on Ministry and Oversight was presented. Communications on this subject were read from three Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight. There seemed to be a general feeling that these meetings should be continued.

A concern was received from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight expressing a concern that members of this Body throughout the Yearly Meeting should use the opportunity to bring their concerns before the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. The meeting feels sympathy with this concern and would encourage Friends to study the duties of ministers, elders and

overseers as outlined in the Uniform Discipline. The clerk of this meeting is directed to send a letter to clerks of Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight, encouraging members of this body throughout the Yearly Meeting to send to the committee having the care of this session any concerns they may have for this meeting.

The nominating committee brought in the following report, - for clerk of this meeting, Arthur Jones; for members of committee on Gospel Service for three years, Grace P. Atkins, Josephine H. Carr; for a committee to have the care of the session on Ministry and Oversight next year, Harvey Jones, Lindalee J. Cook. These nominations are acceptable to this meeting, and the persons proposed are appointed to the respective duties.

The same nominating committee is appointed for a similar service next year.

On behalf of the committee having the care of this meeting A. Edward Kelsey read from the London Friend an article expressing a vital concern for a Yearly Meeting as it convenes.

Agnes W Harrison and others spoke of the resources available for us in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

There was an earnest response to the message brought earlier in the meeting on "The Presence in the midst."

The meeting then concluded.
Arthur Jones clerk

The Meeting on Ministry and Oversight of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England met at Ocean Park, Maine, June 23, 1936.

By reports received from the Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight we are informed that the following persons have been appointed to attend this meeting as their representatives:

Rhode Island — Archie Luther Augustus Benedict.

Balem — James A. Sney, Blanche R. Howland, A. Edward Kelsey, Gertrude F. Smith.

Sandwich — Mary E. Howland, Alvano S. Goddard Annie E. Rose.

Falmouth — Alberta W. Millward, Kattie C. Fox, W. Melvin Bailey, Lucy C. Graham, Clara W. Mumford.

Smithfield — Agnes W. Harrison, Mabel A. Thayer, Bertha M. Cole, Oliver M. Frazer, Arthur Dantmier.

Vassalboro — Alice W. Jones, Elam Henderson, Robert E. Owen.

Dover — Daniel F. Jenness, Walter S. Meader, Harvey Jones, Laura E. Jones

Fairfield — Arthur Jones, Daphnia E. Hawkes, Florence M. Jones.

Parsonsfield — Josephine H. Carr, Emily M. Jones.

Of these representatives twenty-four are present.

We have the acceptable presence of Raymond Binford of North Carolina Yearly Meeting and Helen his wife, an elder; Myra Binford of Kansas Yearly Meeting; Howard W. Cope, a minister of Indiana Yearly Meeting and Edna Cope, his wife.

The committee appointed last year to propose the name of a person to serve this meeting as clerk, two persons to serve on the Gospel Service Committee for three years, and two or more persons to have the care of the session on Ministry and Oversight next year, report as follows:-

For Clerk, Agnes W. Harrison, -
Committee on Gospel Service for three years
Augustus W. Benedict and
Arthur Jones - to have the care of the
session on Ministry and Oversight
next year Alice W. Jones and
Archie Luther.

These nominations are acceptable to this meeting, and the persons named are appointed to the respective duties.

A communication prepared by John Melcalf was read to the meeting by Lyra T. Wolkins. Friends were encouraged to stand loyal to the fundamental truths and principles for which our Society has ever labored. There was a sympathetic response to this concern.

Harvey Jones, in behalf of the committee having of this session gave expression to the outstanding importance of the work of the ministry.

Oliver M. Frazer, by arrangement with the committee, spoke on the kind of ministry needed for our day. The minister is primarily a witness. He must speak of the things he knows personally. There must be a vital passion for righteousness.

Clarence Clark brought to us a clear picture of the importance of meeting the changed and changing social and economic conditions of our day. There is great need that many who are associated with religion as a form shall be brought to

recognize it as a force. Our young people must have the gospel to save them to a wholesome society, and to develop their own best selves. Several encouraging examples were cited where work is being done in different places in Maine in a sacrificial and effective manner to apply the gospel to the meeting of human needs.

Raymond Binford said that the year of the Lord, concerning which Jesus read from Isaiah, is now. We have good news for the poor.

Arthur Jones, Agnes W. Harrison and Clara Mumford were appointed to prepare a statement of the concern of this meeting and present it to the Yearly Meeting for the sessions on the State of Society Thursday.

Alfred T. Ware, Myron J. Jenness and Harvey Jones were appointed to propose to the session on Ministry and Oversight next year, the name of a person for clerk, two persons to

serve on the Gospel Service Committee
for three years. and two or more
persons to have the care of the
session on Ministry and Oversight
in 1938.

The meeting then concluded.
Arthur Jones, Clerk

The Meeting on Ministry and Oversight of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England is in session at Ocean Park, Maine Sixth Month 22nd 1937 at 4 P. M.

By accounts received from our Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight the representatives to this Meeting are as follows—
Rhode Island—

Willis H. White, Elizabeth J. Front,
Mabel J. McManus, Archie E. Luther,
Emily S. White, and Edith T. Batley.
Elizabeth J. Front and Archie E. Luther
are present.

Salmon—

Alfred Osborne, Blanche R. Howland,
Mabel C. Moody and A. Edward Kellogg.
All are present.

Sandwich—

Charles B. Mortons, Edward L. Macomber
Alice C. Rifford.
Alice C. Rifford is present.

Wabmouth—

Harvey Jones, Clara W. Mumford,
Alberta W. Millward, Selia S. Marsteller,
Mary P. Ware, M. Melvin Bailey.
All are present.

Smithfield —

Oliver M. Frazer, Agnes N. Harrison
 Harold N. Tollefson, Susan L. How
 Bertha M. Cole Mabel A. Payer

Two are absent. Susan L. How because of sickness and Bertha M. Cole sent a letter saying she would not be able to attend.

Vassalboro —

Mary N. Jones B. Harold Cates
 Alice N. Jones

All are present.

Dover —

Walter S. Meader, Lucy H. Meader
 Both are present.

Fairfield —

Arthur Jones, Sophia C. Hawker,
 Albert N. Smith.

All are present.

Parsonsfield —

Josephine H. Carr, Emily Jones.

Josephine H. Carr is present.

The whole Yearly Meeting is made sad by the sudden death of Emily Jones.

Twenty-six of these representatives are present. Two not present have sent a good reason for their absence and six have not reported.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read and found satisfactory.

We appreciate the presence of Florence H. Hanson, a Christian worker from Eskaloosa, Iowa who is a member of Eskaloosa Monthly and Quarterly Meetings.

Myron S. Jenness reports for the Committee appointed last year to propose the name of a person to serve this Meeting as clerk, two persons to serve on the Gospel Service Committee for three years, and two or more persons to have the care of the session on Ministry and Oversight in 1938, report as follows - For Clerk Agnes M. Harison, committee on Gospel Service for three years Harold H. Tollefson and Alice M. Jones and for two years Harriet O. Cox. To have the care of the session on Ministry and Oversight next year, Selia S. Marstaller and B. Harold Cates. These nominations are acceptable and the Meeting unites in appointing them to their respective duties.

We appoint Oliver M. Prager, Arthur Jones and Mary P. Hall to bring to the session on Ministry and Oversight Sixth Month 1938 the name of a person to serve as clerk for one year, two persons to serve on the Gospel Service Committee for three years, and two or more persons to have the care of the session on Ministry and Oversight Sixth Month 1939.

During a session of worship, in which the Bible has been read, we have communed with our Father and felt the unity His Presence brings.

The following Minute taken from the Records of Falmouth, Maine, Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at Portland, Maine. First Month 30th 1937 has been read for our considerations.

"What qualifications should be required before applicants for membership may be considered ready to become Friends? The matter of embracing Friends' principles

of Baptism, the Supper of the Lord, Peace, Oaths etc., is especially referred to in this question."

Many helpful thoughts have been expressed.

Lelia J. Marsteller tells us we need the Baptism of the Spirit that shall burn away our sins and set us on fire to give the message of Jesus to the needy world.

She tells us we have always been a peculiar people. The power Friends have had came from the indwelling Spirit.

As the time is short we are asking the calendar committee to arrange a joint Meeting of the Evangelistic committee and the Ministry and Oversight Meeting to further consider this question.

We conclude to meet as soon as arrangements can be made.

Agnes W. Harrison,
clerk.

A joint Meeting of the Evangelistic committee and Ministry and Oversight is in session at Jordan Hall at 3 P.M.

Sixth day, Sixth Month 25th 1931.

Having considered well the Minute from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight the Meeting is of the mind that applicants for membership should be made acquainted with the principles of the Religious Society of Friends as set forth in our Discipline.

Applicants should be asked to wait, worshipping with us until convinced they desire to accept our principles and follow them.

It is suggested we have study classes, using the Discipline as a text book, laying emphasis upon the positive Truths. Let us not stress non-essentials, but require the one great fundamental, a changed heart, acknowledging the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour.

As the Spiritual leaders of our Meetings, we should set the example of daily meditation. We should urge applicants to spend time each day alone with God and His Word, especially studying the Life of Christ. He is the only hope

of this world, the one best fitted to meet our doubts and clear them away. He is waiting to reveal Himself to everyone who will take time to earnestly, whole heartedly seek to know Him.

We feel each Meeting can best meet its own situation, remembering "Love Never Faileth."

As we conclude may we continue in prayer that we may go forward with constant Faith, doing the will of our Father.

Agnes M. Harrison,
clerk.

The Meeting on Ministry and Oversight of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England is in session at Ocean Park, Maine, Fifth Month 21st 1938 at 4 P. M.

By accounts received from our Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight the representatives to this Meeting are as follows.

Rhode Island — Edith I. Bailey, Josephine H. Carr, Elizabeth J. Peart, Alice B. Jackson, and Millie H. White. Josephine H. Carr, Elizabeth J. Peart and Alice B. Jackson are present.

Salmon — George A. Selleck, John H. Maden, A. Ella Clark, A. Edward Kelcey and Mabel C. Moody.

A. Ella Clark, A. Edward Kelcey and Mabel C. Moody are present.

Sandwich — Lois H. Bowerman, Alvano C. Goddard and Rebecca Wild. Alvano C. Goddard and Rebecca Wild are present.

Falmouth — Harry Jones, Selia S. Marsteller, Miriam Curtland, Clara W. Mumford, Alberta W. Millward, Fattie C. Cox, Fannie C. Timberlake, M. Malvina Bailey. All are present.

Smithfield — Susan L. Row, Oliver M. Boyce

Bertha M. Cole, Harold N. Tollefson
Mabel A. Thayer and Agnes M. Harrison.
All are present except Bertha M. Cole
who sent word she was unable to
attend.

Vassalboro - Robert E. Quess,
Alice M. Jones, Clara B. Henderson and
Harold B. Cates. Harold B. Cates is
not here. The others are.

Wren - Charles E. Peaslee, William U. Ware
and James A. Coney. James A. Coney is
the only one present.

Fairfield - Sophia E. Hawkes, Albert N. Smith
Alice W. Clough and Alice Farr.

Sophia E. Hawkes is the only one present.

Parsonsfield - Sent no names and
is not represented.

Twenty-six of the representatives are
present.

The Minutes of last Meeting are
read and approved.

Oliver M. Frazer reports, for the committee
appointed last year to propose the name
of a person to serve this Meeting as
clerk for one year, two persons to serve
on the Gospel Service Committee for three
years and two or more persons to have
the care of the session on Ministry
and Oversight in 1939, as follows

For clerk Agnes M. Harrison, Committee on Gospel Service for three years
Grace P. Atkins and Josephine H. Carr.

To have the care of the session on Ministry and Oversight next year
Selia S. Marsteller and Arthur Jones.

These nominations are acceptable and the Meeting unites in appointing them to their respective duties.

We appoint Archie S. Luther, Henry Jones and Harold N. Tollefson to bring to the session on Ministry and Oversight to hold Sixth Month 1939 the name of a person to serve as clerk for one year, two persons to serve on the Gospel Service Committee for three years and two or more persons to have the care of the session on Ministry and Oversight Sixth Month 1940.

The clerk is directed to buy a good durable record book.

The following concern has been sent to this Meeting by Selia S. Marsteller clerk of Halmouth Quarterly Meeting. She states this is her own concern, the concern of many individual members and also came as an appeal from certain Young Friends.
"The responsibility of Ministers."

Elders and Overseers, to our memberships in general and to our youth in particular, of instructing them in the ways of Peace at a time when the State requires more and more ways of war, and of leading them to the Source of Wisdom and Strength when being called on to witness or suffer for Righteousness' sake."

This concern has gripped the Meeting and many have expressed themselves very definitely making constructive suggestions which we would do well to follow.

It is the Mind of the Meeting that it is our duty to prepare our youth for the testing times, by being faithful in teaching them the Principles for which we stand as set forth in our Discipline, that they may have a ready answer when questioned regarding our stand on the Peace question.

Not only the Young Friends but all our members should have no doubt about our stand. Let us draft something positive before war comes so that our testimony is already made if war does come.

Have a Peace Day Conference in

every Quarterly Meeting letting the Communities in which we live know exactly where we stand and what we will do in case of war, and what action our Young People will take.

Where Christ dwells in us we love our fellowmen. Let us live by New Principles and having done all stand. Principles will cost something and at all times Young Friends should know their Meetings stand with them in prayer and confidence.

Our time being short we wish to have our concern carried over to the Yearly Meeting with the hope that some definite action may be taken and we appoint Lelia J. Marsteller, Arthur Jones, Pauline D. Burdett and Milton W. Kersh a committee to notify the Young People of the Meeting to-morrow when Peace will be considered, and also to ask the Young Friends Board to appoint a similar committee to meet with this committee to consider the deep concern before us, consulting the calendar committee in regard to a convenient time. It is recommended that Willard C. Trueblood and Leslie D. Shaffer be asked to meet with this joint committee.

The following Minute is taken from the Minutes of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick, Maine, U. S. A. Fourth month 26th 1938.

To whom this may concern
Dear Friends:

James A. Coney, a member of this meeting and a minister of the Gospel, in good standing, his wife Elsie F. Coney, their daughter Swendoline now a student at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana and their young son Peter, are leaving us for a few months sojourn in England, their native land. Berwick Monthly Meeting, in which all the members of this family hold their membership, takes pleasure in commending them to the Christian fellowship of Friends wherever they meet them. Any favors shown these Friends will be much appreciated by us who have a deep interest in their welfare.

On behalf of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends of North Berwick, Maine, U. S. A.

Anna B. Huxsey, clerk
William F. Huxsey,

Correspondent 77

"The above Minute was approved by
 Floor Quarterly Meeting 4 Mo 28, 1938
 Myron J. Jones,
 clerk.

Annie E. Pinkham
 Correspondent."

We "The Meeting on Ministry and
 Oversight of the Yearly Meeting of
 Friends for New England heartily unite
 in approving the above Minute regarding
 James A. Coney, who has faithfully and
 efficiently served us as General
 Superintendent of ^{the yearly meetings} Evangelistic and
 Church Extension Work for the past
 ten years.

Agnes W. Harrison, clerk"

We appreciate the presence of
 Willard C. Trueblood and his wife
 Caroline S. Trueblood.

We also appreciate the presence of
 Leslie B. Chaffer.

Trusting in the Lord to guide
 us we conclude

Agnes W. Harrison
 clerk

The Meeting on Ministry and Oversight of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England is in session at Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month 20th 1939 at 4 P. M.

By accounts received from our Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight the representatives to this Meeting are as follows.

Rhode Island -

Elizabeth J. Trout

Archie E. Luther

Josephine H. Carr

Willis H. White

Emily S. White

Cecil E. Pearson

Willis H. White and Emily S. White are absent, all others are present.

Salem -

A. Edward Kelsey

George A. Selleck

A. Ella Clark

Alfred Osborne

Pauline Burdett

All are present.

Sandwich -

Edward L. Macomber

Alvano C. Goddard

James Wild

Alice C. Rifford

All are present except Edward L. Macomber

Falmouth -

Mary Paige Hall	Fannie C. Dimblelake
Harvey Jones	Lelia J. Marshall
Cara H. Mumford	Lindley J. Cook

All are present.

Smithfield -

Oliver W. Fayer	Samuel B. Lane
Mabel A. Fayer	Catherine M. Fayer
Harold H. Polkison	

All are present.

Vassalboro -

Mary H. Jones	Alice H. Jones
Ella C. Henderson	

Mary H. Jones is present.

Morris -

James A. Conroy	William G. Hunt
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James A. Conroy is present.

Fairfield -

Sophia S. Fawcett	Alice S. Fawcett
Albert H. Smith	Arthur Jones
Alice A. Clough	

All are present except Albert H. Smith
and Alice A. Clough.

Twenty-eight of the representatives are
present, Eight being absent.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read and approved.

Harold N. Tollefson resigns from the Gospel Service Committee as he is unable to attend to the work at Yearly Meeting, his time being filled with the work of the Junior Yearly Meeting and Bible School Work.

The Meeting appreciates his valuable service but are willing to accept his resignation.

Archie E. Luther reports for the committee appointed last year to bring to the Meeting the name of a person to serve as clerk for one year, the names of two persons to serve on the Gospel Service Committee for three years and the names of two or more persons to have the care of the session on Ministry and Oversight in 1940, as follows.

For clerk Agnes M. Harrison, Committee on Gospel Service for three years Harriet O. Cox and Arthur Jones.

Harold N. Tollefson informed the committee he felt he must resign and the committee presents the name of James Wild to serve 1 year the unexpired term of Harold N. Tollefson.

To have the care of the session on Ministry and Oversight next year Elizabeth J. Trout and Alvano C. Goddard.

These nominations are acceptable as read and the Meeting unites in appointing them to their respective duties.

We appoint Oliver M. Frazer, Lindley J. Cook and Rebecca Wild to bring to the session on Ministry and Oversight to be held Sixth Month 1940 the name of a person to serve as clerk for one year, the names of two persons to serve on the Gospel Service Committee for three years and the names of two or more persons to have the care of the session on Ministry and Oversight Sixth Month 1941.

The following Minute has been received from Salem Quarterly Meeting.

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To the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight of the Quarterly Meeting of Friends for New England.

Dear Friends:

Acting on a request from the American Friends Board of Missions A. Edward Kelsey, a Minister in good standing with us, and his wife, Marion E. Kelsey, have a prospect of religious service in Ram Allah, Palestine, which may continue for a year or more.

We are informed that the Friends in Amesbury Monthly Meeting are in full unity with this prospect, and the clerk

is directed to send a Minute to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in order that they may be liberated from such service in Rem. Allah and elsewhere.

Taken from the records of Salem Quarterly Meeting held at Amesbury, Massachusetts May 25th 1937.

Alfred Roberts, clerk."

We the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England endorse the above Minute uniting heartily in its approval and the clerk is directed to forward the Minute with this information to the Yearly Meeting.

We rejoice with A. Edward and Marion Kelsey and will follow them with our prayers.

The following Minute is received from Hartshill Preparative Meeting, England.

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"Society of Friends. Hartshill Preparative Meeting.

Meeting held 4 ÷ XII ÷ 1938

Minute 8

We recorded with deep thankfulness, the service rendered to our Meetings, by James A. Coney. of the Yearly Meeting of Friends.

for New England, U. S. A. during his stay at Woodbrook College, Birmingham, from the 30th of 10th month, until the 17th of 12th month.

The presence of our Friend among us has been an inspiration.

We have listened to personal testimonies, in our Meeting today, of the helpfulness of his ministry, and the warmth of his friendship, and fellowship.

We greatly value our Friend's keen interest in our work at Hartshill, and pray that his efforts will have a lasting influence.

We feel too, that it has been good to have had with us on two occasions, the wife of our Friend, Elsie Coney, Dorothea, their daughter, and their son Peter.

This re-union has meant much joy to us all, and we express our prayerful interest, and loving wishes, on their return to the U. S. A. for much happy service in the cause of Jesus Christ, and His Kingdom, for which our Friends enthusiasm is so keen.

James H. Birch
" Clerk "

Selia S. Marsteller brings a concern from
Palmouth Quarterly Meeting
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- 1) Since Friends provide a way of marriage, why do our reports come in year after year, "married, not according to discipline?"
- 2) Before the time of marriage comes, what is the duty of the Meeting in instructing young people concerning married life?
- 3) Would more care given to youth instruction along these lines lessen the divorce problem of the future?

Taken from the minutes of Palmouth Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Parsonsfield, Maine Sixth Month 3, 1959.

Selia S. Marsteller, clerk

After an interesting and helpful discussion on these questions we appoint Lindsey J. Cook, Selia S. Marsteller and Arthur Jones to prepare a paper covering these questions in a way that will help solve the present problems and present to our next Meeting for our consideration with the hope that it may be printed in leaflet form and sent to our Monthly Meetings for distribution among their members.

Asking our Father's Blessing we conclude! Anne M. Harrison

The Meeting on Ministry and Oversight of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England is in session at Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month 25th 1943 at 4 P. M.

By accounts received from our Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight the representatives to this Meeting are as follows:

Rhode Island -

Willis H. White, Emily J. White,
Josephine H. Carr and Elizabeth J. Frost.
All are present.

Salem - James Wild, Blanche R. Howland,
Elizabeth Peaslee, A. Ella Clark, Wilbur W. Kamps
and Emma Crabtree.

Sandwich -

Alvina C. Goddard, Edward B. McCoubert
and Alice Rifford.

Alvina C. Goddard and Alice C. Rifford
are present.

Falmouth -

Fannie C. Timberlake, Harvey Jones
Lelia S. Marsteller, Lindley J. Cook

John C. Gatchell, Jennie M. Atkins
 Mary P. Ware, Marie B. Norton, Elva L. Irish
 M. Melvin Bailey. All are present.

Smithfield —

Oliver M. Frazer, Melita B. Fisher
 Harold H. Tollefson and Susan L. Snow.
 All are present except Oliver M. Frazer.

Varsalboro —

Joseph P. Lippincott. He is unable
 to attend as he is very busy with his
 work as clerk of the Young Friends.

Dover —

Cecil E. Hinchshaw and William W. Ware
 Both are present.

Fairfield —

Lopelia E. Hawkes and Arthur Jones
 Both are present.

Twenty-four of the representatives are present.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read
 and approved.

Rebecca Wild reports for the committee
 appointed last year to propose the name
 of a person to serve this Meeting as clerk
 for one year, two persons to serve as

the Gospel Service Committee for three years and two or more persons to have the care of the sessions on Ministry and Oversight in 1941 as follows.

For clerk Agnes M. Harrison. Committee on Gospel Service for three years Alice C. Sifford and Cecil Hinshaw.

Two to have the care of the sessions on Ministry and Oversight in 1941 Harry Jones and Elizabeth C. Pewee.

These nominations are acceptable and the Meeting unites in appointing them to their respective duties.

We appoint Rindley J. Cook, Arthur Jones and Selma Marsteller to bring to the sessions on Ministry and Oversight to be held Sixth Month 1941 the name of a person to serve as clerk for one year, two persons to serve on the Gospel Service Committee for three years and two or more persons to have the care of the sessions on Ministry and Oversight Sixth Month 1942. (Preparation for Marriage)

Rindley J. Cook presents his paper ^{in the Society of Friends} (to which much careful thought has been given) for our consideration, in answer to the concern presented to our last Meeting by Selma S. Marsteller from Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting.

We are very grateful to Lindley J. Cook and his committee for the excellent work they have done and believe they will be rewarded for their effort by the good results that will be sure to come as copies of the paper are distributed among our members.

Alice C. Dufford, Clerk of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight sent a letter expressing a concern that the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight shall be a season of prayer and devotion for those deeply responsible for Quarterly Meeting sessions.

After a season of worship we conclude.
Agnes M. Harrison
clerk

The Meeting on Ministry and Oversight of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England is in session at Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month 24th 1941 at 4 P. M.

By accounts received from our Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight the representatives to this Meeting are as follows.

Rhode Island - Willis H. White, Josephine H. Carr, Archie E. Luther and Elizabeth J. Trout.
Three are here. Willis H. White is absent.

Salem - Arthur Santmier, Harriet E. McLean, Wilbur M. Kamp, Chester C. Smith, Blanche R. Harland, James Wild. All are present.

Sandwich - Annie C. Rose and Oscar H. Bostrom.
Annie E. Rose is present.

Falmouth - Lindley J. Cook, Harvey Jones, Mary B. Ware, M. Melvin Bailey, Lelia L. Marsteller, Jennie W. Atkins. All present.

Smithfield - Susan L. How, Mabel E. Thayer, Oliver M. Frazer, and Melita B. Fisher. All present.

Dassaboro - Rufus M. Jones and Malvena M. Robbins. Both are absent.

Dover - Lowell E. Roberts, James A. Coney and Myron J. Jenness. All are present.

Fairfield - Arthur Jones, Sophia E. Hawkes and Emline M. Hawkes. Arthur Jones is present.

Twenty-four of the representatives are present.

The minutes of last meeting are read, and after the adoption of the title of the paper, on Marriage, written by Lindley J. Cook and his committee, are approved.

Lindley J. Cook reports for the Nominating Committee appointed last year.

For clerk Agnes Wheeler Harrison Committee on Gospel Service for three years Arthur Santmier and Lelia S. Marsteller. For two years in place of Cecil Nimshaw, who has moved from our midst, Lowell E. Roberts.

Two to have the care of the session on Ministry and Oversight in 1942 Wilbur W. Kemp and Alberta W. Millward. These nominations are acceptable and the Meeting unites in appointing them to their respective duties.

We appoint the following nominating Committee to report to our Meeting in 1942. Mary P. Ware, Oliver M. Frazer and

Clara W. Mumford.

Harvey Jones, chairman of the committee appointed last year to have the care of this session presented Wilbur H. Kamp who has brought us a message on Evangelism. He says every Friend who is a Christian should be an Evangelist.

It is our duty to be more than developing Friends. We should be developing Christians. Every Christian should be on fire witnessing for Christ.

Lindley J. Cook, has given an example of this kind of good work, in his meeting.

Alice C. Gifford, clerk of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight has sent a very fine report of definite forward steps taken, good works, and spiritual growth in their seven local meetings.

The Meeting expresses appreciation of the presence of Malcolm and Juanita Lovell of New York Monthly Meeting also Edward A. and Edith M. Annette of London Yearly Meeting. During a period of worship verses from 1 Chron. 28th & 29th have been read and vocal prayer offered.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Agnes Wheeler Harrison clerk

The Meeting on Ministry and Oversight of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England is in session at Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month 23, 1942 at 4 P. M.

The session opened with the reading of verses through the 7th and 9th through the 13th of the third chapter of Proverbs.

By accounts received from our Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight the representatives to this Meeting are as follows:

Rhode Island —

Elizabeth J. Frost, Josephine H. Carr, Willis H. White, Alice E. Jackson and Mary B. Harvey.
Josephine H. Carr is present.

Salem —

James Wild, Blanche C. Howland, Chester C. Smith, Gertrude M. Osborne, Wilbur H. Camp, Arthur Santmire, Emce P. Atkins and Bessie M. Stott. All except Chester C. Smith are present.

Sandwich —

Annie E. Rose and Everett H. Chapman. Both are present.

Falmouth —

Elizabeth E. Davis, Lindley J. Cook, M. Melvin Bailey, Mary C. Ware, Lellie M. Bailey, Harvey Jones, Selia J. Marsteller, Harriet E. Cortland, Earle J. Harold, John C. Hatchell. All are present except Selia J. Marsteller, Harriet E. Cortland and Earle J. Harold.

Lelia L. Marsteller sent a telegram from West Springfield, Pa. saying "Unavoidably delayed. Sorry not to be in attendance."
 Smithfield —

Ruth W. Wheeler, Oliver M. Trayer, Susan L. How, Melita B. Fisher, and Mabel A. Thayer. All are present.
 Mansfield —

Guy C. Whittin and Mary W. Jones. Both are present.
 Dover —

Lowell E. Roberts and James A. Coney. James A. Coney present.
 Fairfield —

Sophia E. Hawkes, Alice A. Clough and Arthur Jones. All are present.

Twenty-eight of the representatives were present and nine absent, a good reason was sent by one and the others not heard from.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read and approved.

Mary P. Ware reports for the nominating committee appointed last year that they present the name of Agnes W. Harrison for clerk.

Committee on Gospel Service for three years Grace P. Cushman and Josephine F. Carr. Two to have the care of this session in 1943 Wilbur W. Kamp and Alberta W. Millward.

These nominations are acceptable and the Meeting unites in appointing them

to their respective duties.

We appoint the following nominating committee to report to our Meeting in 1943. John C. Batchell, Grace P. Atkins and Myron J. Jernegan.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight express a concern that a condensed statement of such matters as would be of general interest, or needed for information be sent from the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be printed in the Yearly Meeting Minutes.

This Meeting ~~unites~~ in directing the clerk to send such a Minute to the Yearly Meeting Clerk to be printed as suggested.

Arthur Santonius brings a concern from the Gospel Service Committee in regard to holding two Meetings for worship at the time of our morning devotional Meeting.

This Meeting ~~unites~~ in asking the Gospel Service Committee to arrange two devotional services to be held at the usual time in the morning, this year, and report to this Meeting in 1943.

We appreciate the presence and fellowship of our friend Edith L. Rhodes, a member of New York Monthly Meeting.

Wilbur W. Kamp, Chairman of the Committee appointed last year to have the care of this session presents a very

vital and well prepared program but because of the lateness of the hour much has been omitted. Hope has been expressed that it may be continued next year.

The Committee chose the subject "How can we make the Ministry and Oversight Meeting function?"

Lindley J. Cook conducted a skit showing how some Meetings have failed.

Alfred Osborne spoke on "How they got that way" and suggested we cut out duplications and stop burning incense before the discipline.

James A. Coney spoke on the Ministry. He said we should be growing spiritually and have a greater burden for souls. A watchful care of the Ministry and of the spiritual needs of the congregation.

Nelson W. Kamp spoke of the necessity of Overseers. Often they can help a person more than a Minister. They must be consecrated Christians.

It was all excellent, but no time to reach completion.

The Meeting is deeply grieved to hear of the death of John A. Cornell of South Dartmouth, Massachusetts while on the way to this Meeting. Our business being accomplished we conclude. Agnes M. Harrison, clerk

The Meeting on Ministry and Oversight of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England is in session at Ocean Park, Maine. Sixth Month 22, 1943 at 4 P. M.

By accounts received from our Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight the representatives to this Meeting are as follows:

Rhode Island - Josephine H. Carr, Helen T. Gifford, Willis H. White and Emily S. White.

Josephine H. Carr and Willis H. White are present.

Sandwich - Oscar G. Mostrom and Alice C. Gifford.

A card from Alice C. Gifford informs us that she is coming to Yearly Meeting but will be unable to arrive in time for the Ministry and Oversight Meeting. Oscar G. Mostrom is absent.

Falmouth - Mary P. Ware, Alberta W. Millward, Moses M. Bailey, Lucy C. Graham, Marie B. Norton, Marian E. Cox, Olive B. Tapley, Clara W. Mumford and Harriet E. Cartland. Marie B. Norton, Olive B. Tapley and Harriet E. Cartland are absent.

Smithfield - Oliver M. Frayer, Harold W. Tollefson, Ruth W. Wheeler and Susan L. Dow and Mabel A. Thayer. All are present.

Vassalboro - Robert E. Owen, Mary W. Jones and Eva Pratt Owen. Because of the illness of

Eva Pratt Owen, Robert E. Owen and Eva Pratt Owen are absent. Mary W. Jones is present

Dover - William V. Ware, James A. Corey, Myron I. Jenness and Lucy H. Meader. all are present except William V. Ware.

Fairfield - Alice A. Clough, Arthur Jones and Emeline M. Hawkes. Arthur Jones is the only one present.

Eighteen of the representatives are present.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read and found satisfactory.

Verses from the 5th chapter of Matthew the 38th and first part of the 39th and the 42nd through the 48th. Also the first six verses of the 8th chapter of Romans have been read followed by a period of silence.

John C. Gatchell reports for the nominating committee appointed last year

For clerk Agnes W. Harrison

Committee on Gospel Service for three years Alice C. Gifford and Lowell E. Roberts

Two to have the care of this session in 1944 Arthur Santmier and Alberta W. Millward.

These nominations are acceptable and the Meeting united in appointing them to their respective duties.

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We appoint the following nominating committee to report to our Meeting in 1944. Harry Jones, Lindley J. Cook and Gertrude W. Osborne.

In the absence of Arthur Santmier, Grace P. Atkins reports for the Gospel Service Committee, regarding the two devotional Meetings held at 8-30 each morning, that she felt they should be continued as they were very helpful. Selia J. Marstaller reports that through correspondence with Arthur Santmier, conversations with others, and her own conviction, she would say they believe it to be a very happy arrangement which they hope will continue.

Hilbur W. Kamp chairman of the committee appointed last year to have the care of this session wrote that he feels this session should mean much more to the Yearly Meeting. Not enough time is given to this Meeting for unhurried deliberation.

There being no program the Meeting settled into silence and a season of real worship followed in which many vital truths were spoken.

One said a true Christian acts and lives the way he prays. We must put our lives into our prayers.

Another said, "Teach us Lord to pray as we ought." He spoke of Ezekiel when he came to those in captivity by the

river Chebar he said, "I sat where they sat."
 He said we should follow his example
 we should be glad to go and sit with
 other people when they are in trouble.
 We should help God to answer prayer.

One made it very plain that as
 members of the Society of Friends we
 must take part of the blame for this
 war, because our light has not been
 shining brightly, unless it must have
 been hidden. She said, every time
 she sees a mother weeping as she
 says good-bye to her boy leaving for war,
 she says to herself "I am to blame" when
 she sees broken homes she says "I am
 to blame, as a member of the Society of
 Friends."

One said as he traveled from coast
 to coast, and in other countries, and
 among many denominations, he
 rediscovered The Living God. God is
 alive and interested to set this world
 straight. Are we lighting the minds
 of our young people with the fact that
 God is big enough. We must be
 more radiant and certain.

Another feels we should do
 something about purifying our Meetings.
 Another, "The power and life in the

sunshine reminds him of the power
and life in God's Love.

We appreciate the presence of
many visiting Friends.

J. Casmore and Anna E. Elhinton

James F. and Alice B. Walker

Leslie D. and Blanche W. Shaffer

S. Logan Shansman

Anna Hartshorn Brown All of Philadelphia
Penn.

Charles F. Thomas and Percy M. Thomas
both of Richmond, Indiana.

Cecil E. Hinshaw, Wichita, Kansas.

A. Reed Applegate, Wilmington, Ohio

William S. Lyree, Muncie, Indiana

With a sense of shame we feel the
blame that is ours for not accepting our
responsibility, but as we have sat here
conscious of the Presence of God and
of His Power I believe we will go forward
in His strength to do His Will.

Our business being accomplished
we conclude.

Agnes W. Harrison, clerk

6-22-1944

The Meeting on Ministry and Brethren of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England is in session at Ocean Park, Maine, Fifth Month 20, 1944 at 4 p. m.

By accounts received from our Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Brethren the representatives to this Meeting are as follows:

Rhode Island - Helen T. Clifford, Willis H. White, Dorothy F. Williams and Emily L. White. Willis H. White is present.

Landmark - Joseph L. Miller and Alice C. Clifford. Alice C. Clifford writes that she is very sorry that she will not be able to attend.

Falmouth - Hannie C. Timberlake, Miriam T. Cox, Alberta W. Millward, Harvey Jones, John S. Hatchell, W. Melvin Bailey and George J. Hutchinson. All are present.

Smithfield - Susan L. Snow, Gloria M. Trayer, Mabel A. Thayer and Frank B. Toole. All are present.

Vassalboro - Mary W. Jones, who is present.

Waver - Russell Brooks, James B. Corey, Lucy H. Meader and Walter H. Wood. All are present except Lucy H. Meader.

Salmon - Ernest W. Chapman, Bertrude Roberts, Bessie M. Stott, and Rebecca Wilde. All are present except Rebecca Wilde.

Keefe - Emmeline M. Hooker, Arthur Jones, Mabel J. Whiting and Eleanor C. Bailey. All are present except Emmeline M. Hooker.

Twenty-three of the representatives are present.

The minutes of the last meeting are read and found satisfactory.

After the reading of Ephesians 6:11-18 and Psalms 91:1-2 the following thoughts were expressed.

No factory manufactures this movement and no supply house carries it. We need to distinguish as to whether it is our spirit or the Spirit from above that is guiding us. The sword of the Spirit is acquired by contact with God. It is the only offensive weapon mentioned. It comes from beyond us but in the last resort is embodied in and expressed by the spirit of the individual. When a person in the family, the church, or the world has this Spirit, a conquering power is evident and things are accomplished. Every meeting needs many such persons. Prayer was offered by Esther Antmire.

A phrase has been coined. "The paralysis of analysis. Some things can not be analyzed. We say, human nature can not be changed, but God himself does change it."

The pressure of government and people, brought to bear on every individual to do his part in winning the war, might be used as a parable. In the meeting everyone should render some type of service. If only the members of the Society of Friends, all in the Ministry and Oversight Meeting, would get this urge in ourselves and spread it!

It is our obligation to render every possible service in this spiritual warfare, both in the meeting for worship and in the other services of the meeting.

First Century Christianity, was responsive to the type of civilization that arose then. Our govern-

ment in determining the type of our civilization. We should share the responsibility for the failure to make use of this.

The soldier leaves his all and the government provides his equipment. God sends us out and He provides the arms. After every battle we can still stand.

Harvey Jones reports for the Committee on Nominations proposing the following names of persons to serve the meeting for the coming year:

Clerk - Agnes K. Harrison

Local Service Committee - Arthur D. Rotunne, Anna S. Martorke, Committee on Care of Records of Meetings on Domestic and Overseas for 1945 - Everett W. Chapman, Russell Cook.

These nominations are acceptable and the meeting minutes in appointing them to their respective duties.

At the request of the committee appointed to have the care of this session Linley Binford introduced the subject, "Natives and Qualifications of Elders."

He told us and we were profoundly impressed by the life, speech, and conduct of this man in his home meeting. When they speak they speak with fullness. The discipline is a guide and helps in determining our course of action. The first duty of the elder is toward himself, to develop to an ever greater degree his own character and qualifications. The qualifications are an inward thing, a character and spiritual gifts, kindness, sympathy, patience, and brotherly love, which is fundamental to all. We should have the simplicity and purity of the Christian's living and the positive and work of love.

Arthur VanAntwerp questions the advisability of the Quarterly Meetings approving the elders selected by the Monthly Meetings. Often their approval can only be of following the judgment of the local meeting since the person proposed may be unknown to many.

To Douglas C. Steere as a top the title of elder was associated with the aged and with a forbidding manner. But young people can grow into the work, if appointed young. Helpfulness and discernment are frequently evidenced by young people. Remember the function of the elder, don't think just about age.

Eufas H. Jones as a top thought the function of elders was to criticize ministers. "I reported once took down one of my talks word for word and sent me a copy. It was the worst eldering I ever had in my life." Eufas Jones and another wrote the section in the new Synthesis regarding elders in the desire to get away from the critical idea. "If you knew the top I was on, you would believe God can change human nature." The aim of elders is to help people get their lives changed. But there is a certain duty of criticism.

Walter Wendland stresses creative eldering - elders who will go to promising young people and lead them into service. Lindley Pinford would include those of high school age.

We appreciate the presence and service of visiting elders: Mark L. Davis of Richmond, Douglas C. Steere of Philadelphia, Walter and Olive Harland of Philadelphia and Edith Lee Rhodes of Brooklyn.

Our business being accomplished, we conclude, Susan F. Bow
Clark 9th day.

At Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel
of New England Yearly Meeting, held at
Andover, Massachusetts, 6th Mo. 20th, 1945

^{George Ballant} was appointed clerk for the day, with Russell Brooks as assistant.
The following committee was selected to
nominate permanent clerks: Oliver M. Frayer,
Thomas Perry, and Cassandra White.

Agnes W. Harrison, clerk of the Yearly Meeting on
Ministry and Oversight of the former Yearly
Meeting of Friends for New England, called
the roll of representatives to this meeting.
They were:

from Dover 2. M.: Russell L. Brooks, James L. Long,
and Myron J. Jeanness. All are present.

from Falmouth 2. M.: Mary P. Ware, Lindley J. Lord,
Laura E. Jones, Hattie C. Cox, Julian E. Simmons,
Annie M. Wicks. All are present.

from Fairfield 2. M.: Mabel P. Whiting, Edwin L. Bailey,
Arthur Jones. Two are present.

from Rhode Island 2. M.: Elizabeth J. Scott, Dorothy
J. Williamson, Willis H. White. ~~Two~~ Two are present.

from Sandwich 2. M.: Annie E. Rose, Jennie W.
Gifford. One is present.

from Salem 2. M.: Grace C. Athine, Everett W.
Chapman, Gertrude S. Osborne, Gertrude L. Smith,
W. Edward Kelcey. All are present.

from Smithfield 2. M.: Susan L. Dow, Frank B. Towle,
Mabel A. Thayer, Oliver M. Frayer. All are present.

from Wiscasset 2. M.:
Twenty-four of the representatives are
present.

No representatives were officially appointed from the former New England Yearly Meeting of Friends' Meeting of Ministers and Elders, but six are present. The Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting does not have a meeting on Ministry and Council, but three are present.

It was decided that another meeting of this body should be called during Yearly Meeting sessions, at a time to be chosen with the calendar committee, for the purpose of hearing the report of the nominating committee.

The nominating committee was instructed to consider the need for permanent committees within this body to arrange for the various matters for worship during Yearly Meeting sessions and to arrange the details of the annual meetings of this body, and also to suggest the personnel of these committees.

A. Edward Kelcey expressed a concern that a newsletter be published from time to time to acquaint Friends throughout the Yearly Meeting with the various activities and personalities of local and Quarterly Meeting groups. He feels that this might take the place, in some measure, of the practice of intervisitation which has fallen into disuse of late. After some discussion, the meeting united with this concern and will forward it, with our endorsement, to the Yearly Meeting.

Approval was given to the suggestion that this body adopt now the title it will have under the forthcoming revision of the Discipline namely, Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

Attention was given to the question "What should be the function of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel?" It was pointed out that this matter may not now be entirely clear, as is the case with Monthly and Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Counsel. Motion was made that this body may occasionally receive concerns sent up from the subordinate meetings, and that in this fellowship we may profitably discuss leadership problems. However, it was strongly felt that the spiritual function of this Meeting should not be stifled by business matters. The place this Meeting occupies in relation to the Yearly Meeting sessions is such that it may well set the spiritual tone of the worship meetings and a spiritual weight and integrity which might otherwise be lacking. It was felt that this spirituality can best arise in this smaller meeting, and then be carried over into the sessions as a whole.

The clerk announced that this body feels it may rightly undertake the supervision of the arrangements for the various worship and devotional meetings during the Yearly Meeting

sessions

Our meeting was closed with a stimulating time of worship.

George A. Belleck and
Russell L. Brooks,
clerks for the day

At New England Yearly Meeting on
Ministry and Counsel, held at Andover,
Massachusetts, 6th Mo. 23rd, 1945.

The temporary clerk called for the report of the nominating committee on the matter of permanent clerks. They suggested Henry Perry as clerk and John C. Gatchell as assistant clerk. They were approved by the meeting. Since John C. Gatchell could not be present, Russell Brooks was asked to serve as assistant clerk for the day.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The nominating committee suggested the following committee to arrange for worship periods at the next Yearly Meeting: James Coney, Mary Hussey, and Charles White. This committee was approved by the meeting.

In considering the question of a committee to arrange for the Meeting of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, the clerk read the paragraphs relating to this matter in the Discipline and, after some discussion, it was decided that no committee should be chosen. The clerks were instructed to ask the Quarterly Meetings to send up concerns appropriate for our consideration at our session prior to next Yearly Meeting.

The question was raised as to what certain Quarterly Meetings, such as the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting, would do for representation to this Meeting, as they have no Meeting on Ministry and Counsel. The matter was discussed and approval was given the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting to appoint representatives to this meeting via Quarterly Meeting body, without their organizing a Meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

The selection of the time for our next meeting was referred to the Yearly Meeting Calendar committee.

The matter of the report on the spiritual condition of Meetings was referred to this body by the Yearly Meeting, as the questions which have been sent are felt to be in need of review. In our discussion, it was pointed out that it is a difficult matter to

make a satisfactory report on a subject of this nature, and the ~~adv~~ advisability of using any kind of questionnaire was seriously doubted. It was felt to be desirable to enquire about the various types of meetings that the local meetings hold. The meeting approved the appointment of a small committee to conclude this matter with power to act. The following named friends were appointed to this committee: Elsie Perry, Bradley Cook, Alexander Cady, Russell Brooks, and Harvey Jones.

We conclude, purposing to meet in 1946, the Lord willing.

Henry Perry, Clerk
 Russell Brooks, Sec'y. Care for the day.

1946

At New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, held at Andover, Mass., 6th Mo. 19, 1946.

Henry Perry led us to consider the obligations of Elders and Overseers which obligations extend both within and without the formal membership lists of our meetings.

The following friends were appointed as representatives to attend this meeting - Connecticut Valley - none appointed.

Dover — Russell Brooks, Eva Kimball
Fairfield — Eleanor C. Bailey, Emline M.
 Hawkes, Arthur Jones.

Falmouth — Hattie O. Cox, Fannie C. [unclear]
 [unclear], Harvey Jones, Lindley J. Cook, Jennie
 M. Atkins, John C. Gatchell, Lucy C. Graham,
 Lelia S. Mantaller, Harriet E. Cartland.

Norramett — Jessie G. Carter, [unclear] [unclear]
 Henry C. Foster, Rhonda Perry, [unclear] [unclear].

Rhode Island — Dorothy F. Williamson,
 Louisa White, Millicent Foster.

Salem

Leah Thompson, Everett W. Chapman,
 Henry H. Perry, Alfred Osborne, [unclear] [unclear],
 Marion E. [unclear].

Sandwich — Alice C. [unclear], Alice
 H. Macomber, Joseph L. Miller.

Smithfield — Susan K. Low, Cyrus
 W. Harrison, Eunice Wheeler, Oliver M. [unclear].

Vassalboro — none appointed, but a member
 of that meeting was in attendance.

Eight of these representatives were
 absent.

As information, the interim report
 of the Committee on Reports was read.

Due to the confusion in the proceedings
 reports on Spiritual Condition, we asked
 the Committee on Reports to continue its study
 and to act according to its best judgment
 with regard to next year's reports.

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The Quarterly meeting report on Spiritual Condition were read.

After some discussion of the question of the name of this body, we seemed to be united in the thought that this body retain its name of Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, with Friends of subordinate meetings feeling free to use the former name of Meeting on Ministry and Counsel meeting now present description is in force.

Arthur Jones suggested that the Clerk summarize the reports on Spiritual Condition for the Yearly Meeting session about to begin. This suggestion was approved.

Olive M. Tupper was concerned that Friends as a whole deepen their inner experience, so as to lead others, especially the young, to the experience of Jesus, described by Paul, which brings one to live by the principle - "Love thyself no ill to thy neighbor."

These minutes were read and approved. Having accomplished the business coming before us, we adjourn, purposing to meet in 1947, if God permit.

Henry H. Perry Clerk

John C. Giddell - Assistant Clerk.

1947

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends, Meeting on Ministry and
Counsel, held at Andover, Mass., 6-17-1947

Henry H. Perry led the thought that our concern with the
destiny of mankind is an individual problem, solved as each
one makes himself right with God and abides in the love of
Christ who said, "I have overcome the world."

John C. Gatchell, the Assistant Clerk, being absent on
account of illness, Lena S. Mantalier was appointed assistant
for the day.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
The following Friends were appointed as representatives
to attend this Meeting:

Salem — George A. Silbeck, Everett W. Chapman, Wilbur W.
Kamp, Ruth H. Mellor, Marion C. Kelsey and Alfred Osborne,
Falmouth — Helen F. Cushman, Elizabeth E. Davis, Julia E.
Winslow, Lucy C. Graham, Marian F. Cox, Laura E. Jones,
Harvey Jones, Lindley J. Cook, Mary P. Ware and
Joseph J. Cartland,
Sandwich — Joseph L. Heller, Alvano C. Goddard, Alice
Howland Macomber, Albert S. Bowerman and Edward
L. Macomber,
Fairfield — Emeline M. Hawkes, Eleanor C. Bailey and
Arthur Jones,
Connecticut Valley — Mary I. Hussey, Lacey Newman
and Alexander Purdy,
Smithfield — Oliver M. Fraser, Susan L. Dow, Agnes
W. Harrison and Eunice Meader,

From the seven Meetings reporting appointments 23 were
present, 12 absent.

The Meeting welcomed Cathbert Wigham, a visitor

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from England.

The following item of information from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting was presented: -

"James A. Coney presented a concern that a conference be held to study the ministry of our meetings because of a lack of the Christian message. One purpose of such a conference to be a better understanding of the responsibilities of elders regarding the ministry. Another purpose, to find out why members are not attending meetings for worship. It was suggested that some outstanding spiritual leader be invited for this conference."

The Clerk was directed to forward to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting this concern relative to the ministry in our meetings for worship.

Through copies of minutes received from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Council dated 1-26-1946 and 2-1-1947 we were informed that Leha S. Marsteller has been recorded a minister by Durham Monthly Meeting and that this action has had the approval of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting. Since we are not organized to carry out the procedure suggested in the 1945 draft of the Five Years Meeting Discipline we receive this report as information not calling for action by this meeting. Friends expressed informally, however, their satisfaction and approval of this action taken by the subordinate meetings.

The following committee was appointed to care for the Meetings for worship at the 1948 Yearly Meeting. James A. Coney, Ann G. Lowry and Alexander C. Purdy.

The following nominating committee was appointed to bring in the names of persons to serve this Meeting as Clerks, this committee to report at the opening of the Meeting next year: Russel D. Brooks, Florence M. Sillick and Agnes W. Harrison.

Having accomplished the business coming before us, we adjourned, purposing to meet in 1948, if God permit.

Henry H. Perry, Clerk
Lila S. Marshall, Assistant Clerk

(Note) Through an oversight the names of the representatives from Narragansett Quarterly Meeting were missing. They were Henry Perry, Mary H. Damerel, Ann Gidley Lowry & Elizabeth Foster.
L.S.M.

1948

New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at Andover, Mass., 6-22-1948.

The Clerk, Henry H. Perry not being present due to his absence from the country, and John C. Gatchell, Assistant Clerk, having died since last year, the Meeting was opened by the Field Secretary, James A. Conry, and Russell D. Brooks, chairman of the nominating committee. They presented the names of Henry H. Perry for Clerk and Lila S. Marshall as assistant clerk. This being satisfactory the assistant clerk served for the day.

Clerks

Representatives

The following persons were appointed by the various Quarterly Meetings as representatives to this Meeting:

Dover: Elsie F. Conry and Russell D. Brooks

Salmon: Elizabeth C. Davis, Mary P. Ware, Lucy C. Graham

Lincoln: S. Cook, Fredrika M. Parks and Helen T. Cushman,
 Vassalboro: Josephine H. Farr.

Fairfield: Caroline M. Huxley, Leona G. Stevens, Eleanor C. Bailey and
 Arthur Jones.

Salmon: Everett W. Chapman, Stephen Rushmore, George Selbeck,
 Alfred Nelson, Marion Kelsey and Gertrude Lawrence.

Narragansett: Phoebe T. Perry, Anna G. Loring and Sarah Fitzgerald,
 Sandwich: Lewis Haskins and Alice C. Gifford.

Connecticut Valley: Mary J. Hussey, Daisy Newman and
 Alexander C. Parsley.

Smithfield: Willard H. Ware, Edith C. Ware, Caroline G. Towle, Oliver
 M. Francis and Susan L. Dins.

from the nine meetings appointing, thirty were present, two absent.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Report in
 Fr. Mtg. Minutes

The following concern from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was read
 and shared: "We are united in the concern to have the minutes
 of the Yearly Meeting in Ministry and Council printed in our Yearly
 Meeting Minutes. We know this Meeting to be a vital part of the
 Yearly Meeting and ask that its work be duly recorded."

The Clerk was instructed to keep excerpts from the minutes of this
 Meeting to be incorporated in the Yearly Meeting Minutes.

A question as to the value of appointing representatives was
 discussed briefly with the feeling that it should be done for this
 Meeting even if not in Local Meetings.

Visiting Friends welcomed to our fellowship were Cecil
 Henshaw, Pres. of Williamstown College; Harry J. Silcock of
 London Yearly Meeting and the Friends World Committee;
 and Harold Walker of California Yearly Meeting.

The following nominating committee was agreed upon
 to bring in the names of persons to serve this Meeting

- nominating
 Committee as Clerks, this committee to report at the opening of the session next year: — Russel D. Brooks, Agnes W. Harrison and Anne G. Lowery.
- Care of mtgs.
 for worship The Committee nominated to care for the Meetings for Worship at the 1949 Yearly Meeting were: Lindley J. Cook, Thomas Perry, Josephine H. Carr and Lelia S. Masteller.
- Conferences It was reported that conferences to study the ministry in our Meetings were held during the year in Portland, Maine, New Bedford and Worcester, Massachusetts, and that Worcester Friends plan another for this coming fall. One meeting noted a deepening concern on the part of the elders as a result of the conferences. The question was raised as to where such results are tabulated. It was felt that conferences should be only the beginning of the concern, and that a definite change should be becoming noticeable in meetings as individuals pass on the contagion of their own spiritual growth.
- Leadership Few Meetings in New England now have pastoral leadership, and the need for the real carrying out of the work of the Elders was stressed. There was a concern that all share their spiritual experiences with the Meetings. It was asked if the purpose of meetings is to enjoy spiritual fellowship only, or to serve in every way possible the needs of Meetings and communities.
- The first service for Meetings on Ministry and Renewal was held. The business being accomplished we adjourned, purposing to meet again at the appointed time in 1949, the Lord permitting.
- Lelia S. Masteller, Assistant Clerk

1949

New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, held at Andover, Mass., 6-21-1949.

At the opening the meeting was reminded by the clerk of the responsibility taken by Friends three hundred years ago when they separated themselves from the ^{organized} churches of that day. It is something to stand up and say that we have that which can meet human needs in relationship with the Divine, yet this is the responsibility given to us. However, we are found wanting because we do not live in the Spirit which carries the divine message. We need to open our lives that we may fulfill our calling.

Representatives The following persons were appointed by the various Quarterly Meetings as representatives to this meeting: -

Fairfield: Leona Stevens, Eleanor Bailey, Emeline M. Hawkes and Arthur Jones,

Falmouth: Lindley J. Cook, Fredrika M. Parks, Mary P. Ware, Lucy C. Graham, Selia S. Masteller, Elizabeth E. Davis and Harvey Jones,

Rhode Island: Bertha Hathaway and Sarah Gallagher,

Narragansett: Elizabeth Foster, Marian B. Goodwin and Thomas Perry,

Salem: Marian Kiley, Alfred Osborn, Emma Crabtree, Annie Durnier, Grace Atkins, Elizabeth S. Peaslee, Edna C. Haviland and May E. Dugan

Sandwich: Alice Howland Macomber, Charles Messner, Lewis W.

Hoskins, Edward L. Macomber,

Vassalboro: Josephine H. Carr.

Connecticut Valley: ~~three~~ present, one absent

Dover: two present,

twenty-five of whom were present, seven absent.

Clerks The meeting approved of Henry H. Perry as clerk, and Selia S. Masteller as assistant clerk for the coming year.

The minutes of the 1948 meeting were read and approved. We welcomed into our meeting Wendell H. Farr of Wilmington

Com. to care for
worship

yearly meeting, and Wilfred Conrad of Philadelphia.

The committee chosen to care for the meetings for worship during the 1950 yearly meeting were: Harold Walker, Russell D. Brooks, Edna C. Haviland, Josephine H. Carr, and Thomas Perry.

Nominating
com.

The committee to bring in the names of persons to serve as clerks was continued, namely, Russell D. Brooks, Agnes W. Harrison and Anne G. Lowery.

Concerns.

The responsibility laid upon the yearly meeting on ministry and Counsel was again stressed and the question of how much we mean to the yearly meeting was asked.

It was reported that the two conferences on ministry which were held in Smithfield Quarter were helpful because the needs in the local and quarterly meetings were faced and considered. It was noted that membership requirements are now thrown back on to local meetings.

We were reminded that Cambridge Meeting ^{once} had only 10 or 12 in attendance except on the one Sunday a year when Rufus M. Jones was present, but because a few friends were in that number ^{to} whom the meeting meant more than anything else, Cambridge Meeting grew to the place it is now. These "on fire" members are needed whether meetings have pastors or not.

Concern
Committee

A concern was expressed that at our meeting next year we consider the pastoral work in our meetings. To bring this before the Local Meetings and Quarterly meetings the following committee was chosen to work out a plan of procedure and prepare the message of the concern: Henry H. Perry, Russell D. Brooks and Alexander C. Purdy, the Local and Quarterly meeting consideration to lead up to the yearly meeting.

We were asked to consider our name, "Ministry and Counsel." It used to be "Ministry and Oversight." The change

was made to encourage friends to be more constructive, to build and to encourage. Still it is the duty of this body to watch and weigh and measure the effectiveness of Meetings, and to see that the Spirit of the Lord is having free way.

The Committee on care of Worship groups explained some changes in this year's arrangements.

The business being concluded we adjourned, purposing to meet again in 1950 at the appointed time, in the Divine will.

Henry A. Perry, Clerk
Lelia S. Marsteller, Assistant Clerk

1950

New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, Meeting on Ministry and Council, held at Andover, Mass. 6-20-1950

The Meeting opened with worship. John 15:1-12 was read, and the quotation from Gandhi: "If a single man achieves the highest kind of love, it will be sufficient to neutralize the hate of millions."

Clerks +
Nom. Comm.

The Nominating Committee proposed and the Meeting approved that Henry A. Perry serve this Meeting as Clerk and Lelia S. Marsteller as assistant for another year. The ^{ing} following nominating committee was appointed: Marion Terry, Thomas Perry and William Digard.

Representatives

The following persons were appointed by the various Quarterly Meetings as representatives to this Meeting:

Fairfield: Albert N. Smith, Emeline M. Hawkes, Eleanor C. Bailey, and Arthur Jones.

Westerly: Thomas Perry, Louisa White and Ann G. Louny.

Falmouth: Mary P. Ware, Lelia S. Marsteller and Fredrika M. Parks.

Connecticut Valley: Alexander C. Purdy, Mable G. Bailey, Daisy Newman
 Vassalboro: Robert E. Owen + E. Mae Carvell
 Dover: Rachel Osborn + Myron Giness
 Rhode Island: Ethel J. Fry and Mary A. Harvey
 Salem: Edna ^{C.} Haviland, Mary Hughes, Alfred Osborne
 Sandwich: Alice ^{H.} Macomber, Charles W. Meener
 Smithfield: Lyod C. Arnold, Adam Huen + Oliver M. Fraser,
 27 of whom were present.

Visitors

The Meeting welcomed Samuel and Carissa B. Cooper of Moorestown, N.J., as visitors.

Comm.
1951 Case

The committee chosen to care for the 1951 Meetings for Worship during the yearly Meeting: James A. Coney, Marion C. Kelsey, Edna C. Haviland, Thyra Jane Foster and Willbur K. Thomas

Panel
Discussion

Henry H. Perry, Russell D. Brooks and Alexander C. Purdy who were appointed last year to ~~present~~ a plan of procedure for this Meeting in our search for ways of strengthening the Local Meetings prepared a panel discussion led by Thyra Jane Foster, Henry J. Cadbury and Russell D. Brooks ~~with~~ James A. Coney as chairman. ^{Other} Members of the Meetings took part also so that experiences were shared, and if the words "pastoral" and "non-pastoral" had not been used each would have felt his own work and aims were being described in the unity of belief that Divine guidance is open to all in worship and in business.

It was brought out that the work of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel is to develop the individual. No one expects his own way to prevail but each contributes and the whole is richer, mistakes are detected and better ways found.

Individual development includes instruction to those who would become members, opportunities for children to participate, visiting the absent and ill, seeing that committee

members do good work and occasional conferences to measure adequacy. Spiritual care and concern means to "know each other in the things which are eternal," not just to attend Meetings and committees. It means to be living Friends twenty-four hours a day, with boundless enthusiasm and hearts open to the Spirit. It also means relating Bible study and Friends' history with our present lives.

Friends were reminded from Ezekiel that it is when the Spirit of the Lord comes that there is rejuvenation, therefore the most important thing is to let the Spirit have free way and we facilitate the work. The question was raised whether we are interested in the Meeting for its own sake or in the service it renders. What is the value of the Meeting to individuals? What do new comers and members understand and feel? The meaning of worship needs to be better known. The life of the group is evidenced by the amount of concern it has, and religion, not activity, should be the base, yet the outreach into communities is often translated through social projects. If we really dwell on strengthening our Meetings we will find ways.

Some local and quarterly meetings reported a need for more frequent meetings of the Ministry and Counsel group, and a deep concern over associate members who do not become active. This includes training of young people and membership preparation, leadership to definite life commitment to Christ, and guidance into the power of prayer. The helpfulness of understandable devotional literature was pointed out, and the opportunity of learning from others who are growing in religious effectiveness.

Among the questions raised were: Incoming to Meeting do people realize that God is there? Are we concerned to speak?

Are we answering Divine calls to leadership? Do we have a variety of meetings, times for meditation, a teaching ministry, prayer groups, Bible study, youth groups? What do we do with our opportunities to speak to the needs of others? Are we meeting the needs of older young people? If so, why do so many not attend? Have we tried writing down the value of our meetings?

The meeting concluded with a call to more worship and a regaining of the spirit of evangelism if our meetings are to be strengthened.

Comm. for
1951.

It was suggested that reports of progress and problems being worked on be reported a year from now and that the same guiding committee be continued.

The business being concluded we adjourned, purposing to meet at the appointed time and place in 1951, under the Lord's guidance.

Helia S. Mantalder, Assistant Chm.

1951

New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Andover, Massachusetts at 3:30, 3rd day afternoon, Sixth month 19, 1951.

Henry Perry, Clerk, read the opening minute, and a period of worship followed.

The names of the representatives were read as follows:

Connecticut Valley: Ruth Bainton, Mary Hussey,
Alexander Purdy.

Dover: Myron J. Jenness, Rachel A. Osborn
Falmouth: Ella H. Smart, Mary P. Ware, Lucy
C. Graham, Hattie O. Cox, Gerald D. Haynes.

Fairfield: Albert I. Smith, Nellie R.

Millsparagh, Arthur Jones, Leona Stevens
Wareham: Henry C. Foster, Phebe F. Perry,
Ann G. Lowry.

Smithfield: Lloyd Arnold, Adam Ewen, Nelson
Wheeler, Forest Wheeler, Philip Griffin.

Sandwich: Alice Howland McCombes, Alice E.
Gifford, David Ensign, Charles W. Mesner,
Philip H. Cornell, Sophia C. Hawkes.

Rhode Island: Anna Foster, Mary A. Harvey,
Sarah N. Gallagher.

Seventeen of these Friends were present.

The Committee appointed last year
to nominate clerks for this session named
Henry C. Foster, clerk, and Rachel A.
Osborn, assistant clerk. The meeting approved
and these took their places at the Clerks desk.

The minutes of the 1950 session were
read and approved. Appreciation was
expressed for Lelia Marstellari's ability in
understanding and expressing the spirit of
the meeting.

The Committee to nominate clerks for
next year's session was named as follows:

Phoebe H. Perry, Susan Dow, Marian Kelsey.

The following Friends were named to take care of the Meetings for Worship for 1952: Marian Kelsey, Russel Brooks, Alexander Purdy, Philip Giffin, and Esther Morris.

A communication was received from Salem Quarterly Meeting. They expressed their concern on the question of membership with Friends. As their concern was the topic programmed for discussion at this session, the Meeting was turned over to Russell Brooks who expressed the concern of the committee. In his introductory remarks, he reminded us of the wide variation in the practice of receiving new members. Some Meetings emphasize religious belief while others emphasize the life. Some accept members quickly, without investigation, while others observe great care and study. This is all in keeping with the statement in "Faith and Practice" that such procedure is left to the discretion of the Monthly Meetings.

Several people summarized the thinking of their local Meetings which resulted from discussions on this subject through the year. Concern was expressed that associate members as well as

non-members be thoroughly instructed in the ways and beliefs of Friends before being received into active memberships. For of ten we do not expect so much of those who have always been Friends as those who join through conviction. Comparison was made to the requirements for natural-born citizens as compared with the requirements for those who become citizens through naturalizations.

While there was a wide variety of view expressed, there were many points of agreement. There was general agreement that all prospective members be adequately interviewed and instructed. Likewise, all agreed that there should be definite commitment to the Christian way of life, and an understanding of the leading of the Holy Spirit as directed through the Inward Light.

The question, "Must a prospective member accept all beliefs?" was discussed by several. This presents a very definite question, especially if applied to our long-standing pacifist viewpoint. Some, in discussing this point, brought out that we have no basis to require such a stand. Such rigid adherence might become a social creedal to which we would be opposed even as we are opposed to theological

creeds. However, there was general agreement that all applicants be thoroughly informed of the historic stand of Friends. Another thought along this line was that we have an obligation to receive some into membership. There was general concern that in all cases the individual be considered.

Some Meetings have held classes for instructing applicants in Quaker belief and practice. These have been helpful, especially with the young people. One Meeting, Cambridge, realizing the importance of the committee appointed to interview prospects, formulated definite suggestions for such committees. This was considered of such value that it was agreed that these Cambridge suggestions be distributed to all Monthly Meetings.

Excerpts from letters of application for membership were read as examples of the thinking of some who are thus seeking membership after having found Spiritual help among Friends.

Mention was made of the "forms" common to Friends and that while theoretically we have no forms in worship, we adhere rigidly to certain forms. We must take

care that these do not detract from the true Spirit of freedom in our Worship.

Concluding the period of discussion, the meeting was turned back to the clerk.

Appreciation was expressed for the discussion both last year and this year and there was general approval that such a discussion period should be continued next year. The clerk was asked to appoint a committee to plan for and conduct such a discussion.

Mention was made of the illness of Lelia Martellar and the clerks were directed to express to her the appreciation and love of the Meeting.

The following visiting Friends were recognized: Wilfred Conrad, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting; Leonore Godenow, Iowa Conservative; Ardith Emmons, Iowa Conservative and Wayne Hampton, Iowa Conservative. Philip Shiffin, the new pastor in Worcester Meeting was introduced. He comes to New England from North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

As there was no other business, the meeting adjourned to meet in 1952.

clerk
Rachel A. Osborn, assistant clerk

152.

New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry
and Council met at Andover, Massachusetts
at 3.30 p.m., 3rd day afternoon, Sixth
Month 17, 1952.

Henry C. Foster, clerk, read the
opening-minute, and a period of
worship followed.

The names of the Quarterly Meeting
representatives were read as follows:-
Connecticut Valley: Marie Green, Helen Gifford
Dover: Rachel A. Osborn, Myron J. Jenness
Salem

Rhode Island: Wendall Hemen, Thelma F. Perry,
John Kellan

Salem: Tessie Smith, W. Carlton Jones
Marian E. Kebley, George A. Belluck,
Mabel Townsend.

Sandwich: Alice Howland Macomber, David
Ensign, Alice C. Gifford, Mary A.
Harvey, Charles W. Mesner, William
C. Hartnett, Philip H. Cornell,
Sophia Hawkes.

Smithfield: Susan L. Dow, Lloyd C.
Arnold, Agnes W. Harrison, William
Ware, Adam Ewer.

Vassalboro: George Cates, Albert Smeck,
E. Mae Canell, Arthur Jones, Robert
Ewer.

The committee appointed in 1951 to name clerks presented the names of Henry C. Foster as clerk, and Rachel A. Osborn, assistant clerk.

The minutes of the 1951 session were read and approved.

Winston Osborn, Edna Hoviland, and Mabel Badley were appointed to name clerks for 1953.

The following friends were named to take care of the meetings for worship for the 1953 yearly meeting: Charles Mesner, Milton Badley, George Bellick, Hattie Cox, and Rachel Osborn.

Salmouth Quarterly Meeting presented a question concerning the need for holding separate sessions of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel and Monthly Meeting when the membership is the same in each case. As this concern was to be covered by the discussion for the day, the meeting was turned over to Milton Badley. Delia Newman summarized the results of the questionnaire prepared by the committee as follows:

22 meetings answered the questionnaire.
7 reported that meetings too small to hold separate meetings of Ministry and Counsel.
Of those which hold regular meetings of

Ministry and Counsel, some meet each month, others once or twice a year. An average of eight hours is devoted to the work of Ministry and Counsel.

Milton Hadley suggested that there is a definite parallel between the spiritual strength of the Ministry and the activity of the Ministry and Counsel. The primary responsibility of the Ministry on Ministry and Counsel is in the field of worship - meeting the spiritual needs of individuals, including young people and children. Attenders and non-attenders both need our interest. There are people in every community who do not attend any Church. The Ministry and Counsel body should be vitally concerned in these as well as for the moral level of the community as a whole that Christianity can thrive. Milton Hadley further suggested that this committee should serve as a "Board of Strategy", reminding us that "Where there is no vision the people perish." However, vision is not enough - strategy too is needed. Jesus emphasized that what we do influences our thinking. We have been reticent in urging people in work they could do. In summarizing his remarks, Milton

Hadley enumerated the five categories of work as follows: (1) worship (2) spiritual, moral, economic, and social (3) concern for our associate members who should become active members by the time they are seventeen (4) counselling, including visiting sick and shut-in, and encouraging any with problems. (5) a Board of Strategy.

Following his remarks, several contributed to the discussion. The relationship of the Monthly Meeting to the Ministry and Counsel was discussed. There is a need for inter-dependence. However, what is to be done when confidential matters are brought up?

Winslow Osborne's concern was for new small meetings where all persons have full responsibility and there is no need for a separate body. Henry Cadbury suggested that there are some things appropriate for the Monthly Meeting but that some matters are too personal for the larger group and should be dealt with less conspicuously. He pointed out, however, that in this the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel needs spiritual advice. Though an advisory body rather than a legislative one, it should be

constantly examining the effectiveness of the Meeting for Worship.

Following the discussion, business of the day was continued.

The discussion being helpful, it was agreed that we should follow a similar plan next year, and a committee to plan such discussion is to be appointed by the clerk.

A communication was read from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, held First Month, 1952. The Meeting was united in their concern and approved their action in recording Lelia Marshall Taylor a minister.

Appreciation was expressed for our young Friends who are advancing in the work of the Meeting.

The following visiting Friends were recognized:

Ernest Lamb from California Yearly Meeting and Five Year Meeting.

Walford Leonard, Philadelphia Yr. Mtg.
Donald Groom, London Yearly Meeting
an English Friend who has worked in India under the Friends Service Council and is now visiting at Pendle Hill.

Mark Hall, the new pastor at the Worcester Meeting and his wife Phyllis.

Ernest H. Heid - formerly from New England Yearly Meeting, recently returned to East Vassalboro.

Two Finnish Friends

George Jones

William Collins and Linda Stanton
back from Washington.

There being no further business, we entered into a period of silence after which the Meeting concluded to meet in 1953.

Rachel A. Osborn, Sec. & Clerk.

153

New England Yearly Meeting to Ministry and Counsel met at Andover, Massachusetts at 3:30, 3rd day afternoon, Sept. month 16, 1953.

The clerk being absent, the assistant clerk read the opening minute. A period of worship followed.

Names of representatives from the Quarterly Meetings were read as follows:

Connecticut Valley Daisy Newman,

Alexander Purdy, Helen Griffith.

Fairmount Mary P. Ware, Ella Smart, Jane

N. L. Hawkes, Hattie O. Cox, Lucy C. Shaborn
Dover Cecil E. Hinshaw, Rachel A. Osborn
Rhode Island Phoebe F. Perry, Anne Lowrey,
 John Alford, Thyras Jane Foster
Salem Carleton Jones, Marian Kelsey
Sandwich Joseph L. Heller, Philip H. Cornell,
 Sophia J. Hawkes, Alice C. Syfford,
 Alice Howland Macomber, Ethel J.
 Frye, Alice J. Hartnett.
Smithfield Susan L. Dow, Lloyd C.
 Arnold, Willard Ware, Russell Brooks,
 Adam Eiven.

Vassalboro Robert Owen, Arthur Jones.
 Twenty of the representatives responded
 to rollcall - ten were absent.

The committee appointed in 1952 to
 suggest clerks named Thyras Jane
 Foster as clerk, and Rachel A. Osborn
 as assistant clerk. The meeting approved.

The following Friends were appointed to
 name clerks for the 1954 session: Willard
 Ware, Philip Cornell, Leona Stevens.

A communication was read from
 Falmouth Quarterly Meeting concerning the
 gift of the ministry of George R. Hatchinson.
 A like communication concerning the gift
 of the ministry of Ernest Weed was read
 from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting. The
 meeting unites in these concerns.

The following Friends were named as a committee to have charge of the meetings for worship during the 1954 session of Yearly Meeting: Cecil Hinshaw, Russell Brooks, Helen Griffith, Chester Smith, Hattie O. Cox, and Arthur Jones.

The committee appointed by the clerks to have charge of the discussion for the afternoon had suggested the topic, "The relative responsibility of parents and of Meetings in religious training and instruction of children." Rachel A. Osborn opened the discussion by presenting several problems Friends face today in training their children and youth. She stressed the need for worship and instruction in the home, and suggested several questions regarding the Friends Bible Schools.

(1) Is our goal to train our own children or youth or are we to broaden out to include the community?

(2) If we enlarge for the benefit of the community, how can we best stress our Quaker ideals and interpretation?

(3) What shall be our attitude when our children want to join their friends in a larger Church?

Several took part in the discussion. Mary

Ware suggested that informal education is even more important. Cecil Hinchman spoke of the role of the Friends Boarding School. George Sellick emphasized the importance of cooperation between parents and the First Day School. Russell Brooks suggested a program of education for the parents that they might better deal with religious problems. Good parent-teacher relationships in the Bible School are essential. Alexander Purdy said the weak point in our educational program is in our education of adults. Every Meeting should have a continuous program of religious education extending through several years. Richard Faust spoke of his concern for teen-agers and the relationship between Meeting and parents. Miriam Jones related a program for teen-agers carried on in the Havertown, Pennsylvania Meeting. There, the mothers have accepted the responsibility of Sunday night meetings which consist of study and discussion, fellowship and refreshments. This plan is used in place of Bible School and has a long-range program - a four-year study curriculum.

Bitha Jones, referring to Robert Burns' poem, "Cotters Saturday Night" stressed

again the importance of Bible study in the home. Milton Hadley reminded us that Elizabeth Fry was a pioneer in religious work with children. He also stressed the need for using Young Friends on various committees and activities. He brought to our attention a list of children's books suitable for Friends Bible schools. This will be mimeographed for our use.

Edna Haviland spoke of the impression made on a child's mind by individual remarks made to a child by an older Friend appreciating some particular thing the child has done. Agnes Harrison spoke in appreciation of Christian-Quaker homes and reminded us of our wonderful heritage. Gertrude Smith, who represents this Yearly Meeting on the Board of Christian Education of the Five Years Meeting, mentioned the value of using our Friends' materials.

Finding the discussion to be of sufficient interest the Meeting approved continuing a similar plan next year, and the clerk is instructed to name a committee for this purpose.

Richard Faup of Richmond, Indiana, the Young Friends Secretary for the Five Years Meeting was introduced and welcomed.

into our fellowship.

After a period of silence the meeting concluded to meet in 1954.

Thyra Jane Foster, clerk
Rachel R. Osborn, assistant clerk.

1954

New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at 3:30 p.m. in Andover, Massachusetts, Third Day, Sixth Month 22, 1954.

After a period of worship which united our spirits with God and each other, the clerk, Thyra Jane Foster, opened the session for the transaction of business and the discussion of concerns.

The names of the Representatives from the various Quarterly Meetings were read as follows:

Connecticut Valley: Elizabeth Butterworth;

Fritz Korfhold; Daisy Newman;

Dover: Rolfe Richardson; Walter Wood

Falmouth: Mary P. Ware; Milton H.

Hadley; Hattie O. Cox; Ella H. Smart;

Lucy C. Graham.

Rhode Island: Millicent Foster, Julianne

Perry, Anne Lowry, Thomas Perry.

Salem: James Wild; Henry Perry; Lillian

Patkins; W. Carlton Jones; Betty Smith;

Marian Kelsey.

Sandwich: Philip H. Cornell; Alice C. Gifford;
Joseph L. Hiller; Ida M. Mesner;
Alice Howland Macomber.

Smithfield: Lloyd Arnold; Clayton Drown;
Mark Rouch; Leila L. Pearson; Susan
L. Dow; Melita B. Fisher; Grace
MacNamara; Adam Ewen.

Vassalboro: No names submitted.
all but six of the above named
persons were present.

The committee appointed in 1953 to
present names for clerks suggested
the names of Thyrja Jane Frost, for Clerk
and Rachel A. Osborn, assistant
clerk. The meeting approved.

The minutes of the 1953 session were
read and approved after correction.

The following Friends were named to
suggest clerks for the 1955 session: Edna
Howland; Myron Jeness; Marion Kelsey.

The following Friends were named to
have charge of the Meetings for Worship
during the 1955 session of Yearly Meeting:
Daisy Newman; Henry H. Perry; Marie Green;
Rachel A. Osborn; Ella Smart; Floyd Moore.

The committee appointed by the clerks
to suggest a topic and lead the discussion,
presented the theme, "Religious Education
of Adult Members". Two phases of this

subject were emphasized — (1) advises to new members (2) education of all adult members. Our thoughts were stimulated by the question, "How do adult Christians grow?"

William Bacon Evans, a Friend from Philadelphia, directed our thoughts by asking us to think on such questions as "How did Paul grow?" and "How did George Fox grow?"

Caleb Smith reminded us that there are two questions (1) how an individual may deepen his response and (2) how can a Meeting as an organized group (especially the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel) carry out its responsibilities. He encouraged Meetings to carry on a program of adult education.

James Wild reminded us of the Parable of the Talents and said the world is held back, not so much by wicked people as by ^{by} people who have stopped growing and that we as Christians must not stop "growing in Grace and in the Knowledge of Jesus Christ."

Alexander Purdy reminded us of the responsibility of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel for spiritual development. Each member is a part of the living

body of the Meeting. Growth is related to function and responsibility and we can't expect our members to grow unless they are given responsibility. The basis of our Society is the responsibility of each individual in the Meeting for Worship, business, counselling, etc. Perhaps our lack of growth is due to the fact we follow the easy path of letting a few do the work. The Meeting on Ministry and Counsel has the difficult task of finding the proper responsibility and to cultivate the soil in which individuals can grow.

Harry Perry compared the Meeting to a candle giving light. He referred to the Cambridge Meeting and their wisdom in recognizing the ability of one of their young Friends in leading a study group. Thus, other candles were lighted. Our task is to try to be a candle and thus light other candles. We all can become "Candles of the Lord" and increase the numbers in our Meeting.

Mark Rouch, speaking for the committee, said the committee felt it did not want to dictate but would suggest to the Monthly and Quarterly Meetings. He further suggested that any Meeting which seriously considers adult education should determine what its needs are and should remember certain goals.

He suggested the following goals which Meeting might have for their program in adult education: (1) To train leaders for the Meeting; (2) To impart information on the Bible, Christian Faith, and Lutheran faith. (3) Encourage an ecumenical outlook. (4) Develop Christian discipleship. (5) Ultimately to deepen the spiritual life of the Meeting. He further suggested the following possible ways of accomplishing these goals: (1) - by the appointment of a committee which is especially concerned with the education of adults. This, however, should grow out of a concern in the Monthly Meeting and each member of the committee should be truly concerned in this area of service. (2) Work projects in the Meeting. (3) Classes with definite objectives and requirements. (4) Reading courses for the entire membership on various subjects.

Milton Hadley called our attention to the fact that Adult education is a special feature of the National Council of Churches. In referring to Elton Trueblood's book ~~"The"~~ "Your Other Vocation"; he emphasized the triviality of some of the subjects we are apt to spend our time discussing. He expressed

a concern that there are so few adult classes in New England Yearly Meeting.

Cecil E. Hinshaw reminded us that the education which makes us grow is that which is controversial. Dissent and disagreement are absolutely essential to growth. People grow when they express concerns and take upon themselves a message or mission. Outstanding examples of such definite concerns are seen in the field of race relations, conscientious objection, etc. The Meeting on Ministry and Council should encourage young Friends to express their concerns. We must be willing, in a spirit of love, to encourage such discussion, even though it will mean that some will go away. Pentecost comes to the meetings willing to walk in a controversial way.

Thyra Jane Foster rounded up the discussion by emphasizing the need for sharing.

It was felt by all that the discussion was helpful and that time should be given for a similar discussion on some other vital subject at next year's session. The meeting asked the clerks to name a committee to suggest a topic for next year. Alexander Purdy expressed his hope that we might

consider "The Outreach of Friends". The Meeting approved and also suggested as a possible topic, "The Meaning of Membership". Minifred Barnett suggested a topic concerning young people in our Meetings saying that one of the best ways to grow is to become as a young person.

William Bacon Evans of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and Edmond Turk of New York Yearly Meeting were welcomed as visiting Friends.

After a time of silence, we adjourned purposing to meet in 1955.

~~Edna Jane Foster~~ Clerk.
Rachel A. Osborn - Assistant Clerk.

1955

New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at 3:30 P.M., 3rd day, Sixth Month 21, 1955.

During the period of worship, Milton Hadley read a passage from I Corinthians. Our hearts and thoughts were united with one another and with that of the Divine Spirit.

Edna Jane Foster opened the business session by reminding us of the preparations, both spiritual and intellectual, which we have made before coming together for Yearly Meeting.

Names of representatives from the various Quarterly Meetings were read as follows:

Connecticut Valley: Helen Griffith, Elizabeth Butterworth, Moses Bailey, Daisy Newman.

Dover: Walter Wood, Vail Palmer.

Falmouth: Hattie O. Cox, Ada F. Weed, Ella H. Smart, Mary P. Ware, Dorothy Bickford, Louis J. Marsteller.

Rhode Island: Marion Goodwin, Caleb Smith, Warren Howe, Thomas Perry.

Salem: W. Carlton Jones, James Wild, Betty Smith, George Silleck, J. Floyd Moore.

Sandwich: Philip H. Cornell, Alice C. Gifford, Joseph Webber.

Smithfield: Susan L. Dow, Edith Ware, Willard Ware, Mahita Fisher, Russell Brooks.

Vassalboro: Sarah Gray, Arthur Jones, Nellie Gifford.

The committee appointed in 1954 to suggest names for clerks for this year presented the following report: Arthur Jones, clerk; Rachel Osborn, assistant clerk. The Meeting approved and Arthur Jones took his place at the clerk's desk.

Minutes of the 1954 session were read and approved.

Mary Stevens, a visiting Friend from Florida Avenue Friends Meeting in Washington, D. C., was recognized and welcomed to our fellowship. Vail Palmer formerly of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, now pastor

of June Meeting, was introduced.

The following Friends were named to nominate clerks for the 1956 session: Harold Burdham, Marion Kellogg, Myron Jensen. Later, as other responsibilities were given to this committee the name of Jeannette Pundy was added.

The committee to have charge of the worship services for 1956 was appointed as follows: Thyra Jane Foster, James Wild, Vail Palmer, Mabel Bailey, Russell Brooks, Maria Cornell.

A communication from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting was read. Originating in Durham Monthly Meeting, it expressed a concern and recommended that the Yearly Meeting and Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel hold "schools for Monthly Meeting Officers". Such schools could prove very valuable in training clerks, recording clerks, elders, and other officers for their responsibilities. The Meeting was united in this general concern and suggested naming a committee to give further thought and to make plans for such a program which would enlarge the existing program of the Local Institutes. There was general approval that this matter be referred to the nominating committee and Jeannette Pundy's name was added to the previous list.

The committee in charge of the discussion for this year suggested three things which should be discussed at some later date: (1) The

State of Society reports. In this field, it was asked if a questionnaire sent to each Monthly Meeting might assure more uniformity in reports. (2) Evaluation of the ten years of our union as a United Yearly Meeting. It was suggested that perhaps a committee could be appointed to study the situation and to enumerate our gains. (3) Christian Education.

Milton Hadley suggested that the topic "Recording Spiritual Condition" might be the theme for next year's discussion. Caleb Smith reiterated by expressing the hope that each Quarterly Meeting give thought before coming next year. The Ministry and Council nominating committee was asked to name a committee to care for this concern.

The topic for this year's discussion, "The Meaning of Membership in the Society of Friends," was opened by Arthur Jones, who mentioned some things which had perplexed him through the years. The problem of the indifferent Friends who were born and raised in the Meeting but have lost interest and take no responsibility is becoming increasingly acute. Often these people live good lives, and our great concern for them should be the spiritual welfare of the individual.

Walter Wood read an article which he had prepared on this subject. This reviewed briefly

the history of Friends' life and thought and emphasized that through our differences, all Friends have much in common, and our ideals today are the same as those of old. Membership today, as of old, is not based on "agreeing with" certain precepts so much as in Christian belief as evidenced in the individual's way of life which indicates the fact of the Spirit of Christ within. He reminded us of the verse from which our name was taken, "You are my Friends if you do whatsoever I command you," and the necessity of accepting and following Christ Jesus who continues to "speak to our condition."

Carleton Jones spoke of those who have joined Friends from other backgrounds and that we often lose our opportunity by failing to train them in Quaker ways.

Thyra Jane Foster spoke of the Discipline and other books which are helpful in educating non-Friends as they become Friends.

Melton Hadley expressed his concern for Friends who, upon moving into a new area, take no responsibility whatsoever in associating with or worshipping with Friends. He suggested clearing the "dead wood" from our membership and that it would be a fitting thing for the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel to suggest a gentle pruning in the Monthly Meetings. Such a procedure,

by removing the dead timber, would increase the growth of the Meeting.

Calio Smith, agreeing that we should hold up higher standards in admitting new members, thought we should all be careful of the depth of our own faith and sin before doing too much pruning.

Edna Howland thought we should give more thought to the meaning of "the way of life" and stress this new way with old and new members.

Russell Brooks mentioned that there are two important and integral parts to emphasizing in membership in a Friends ~~and~~ Meeting: (1) presumably we stand for certain things and are against other things. (2) the way of life. Being a member in a Friends Meeting means we are willing to participate in the actual practice of the things we believe in. Although an individual is entitled to come to his own conclusions, yet as a member of the group, he must at times be willing to sacrifice his own ideas to the voice of the group. The most important thing is to practice our religious convictions.

Harold Burnham wondered if some four Meetings may be accepting new members too hurriedly without giving adequate instruction.

Elizabeth Buttherworth is concerned about Friends who do not attend Meetings for Worship.

However, small as it may seem, these Friends often are making a valuable contribution to society and to the Society.

Alexander Purdy, referring to an article by H. J. Wood, a London Friend, stressed that taking in new members should be considered as a most important part of our work.

Ida Hester brought to our attention a situation which often occurs when non-Friends families request membership in the Society of Friends - that often the children are accepted as active members from the start though they might not be old enough to truly understand their responsibilities.

Caleb Smith thinks the deciding factor should be if the child himself is requesting the membership or if his parents are requesting it for him.

A concern was mentioned for pastoral Friends and that more encouragement should be given to unprogrammed worship; also that young people who feel the call of the ministry be more greatly encouraged.

After a brief period of silence, the Meeting adjourned, purposing to meet in 1956.

Arthur Jones, Clerk
Rachel Sabornie, Assistant Clerk

1956

At New England Yearly Meeting on
Ministry and Council, held at Auburndale,
Massachusetts, Third Day, Sixth Month 14th,
1956.

The Meeting opened with a period of
worship.

The nominating committee presented
the names of Arthur Jones for clerk and
Vail Palmer for assistant clerk. The Meeting
approved these nominations.

The following Friends were appointed
by the Quarterly Meetings on Ministry
and Council to attend this Meeting:

Concord Valley - Thomas R. Bodine,
Helen Griffith, Marion P. Cartland,
Daisy V. Newman.

Dover - Vail Palmer, Myron Jensen, Walter
H. Wood.

Falmouth - Freda G. Hadley, Ella H. Smart,
Mary P. Ware, Ruth C. Graham, Hattie O.
Cox.

Rhode Island - Henry C. Foster, Julia Anna
R. Perry, Ann G. Lowry.

Salem - James Wild, Carleton Jones, Floyd
Morris Winslow Osborne, Chester Smith.

Sandwich - Ida Merner, Alice C. Gifford,
George Jones.

Smithfield - Susan L. Dow, Willard Ware,

Melita D. Fisher, Edith Ware, Eleanor
Shannon.

Vassalboro - Leona Stevens, E. May Carrol,
Emeline Hanks, Arthur Jones.

Twenty-two representatives were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were
read and approved.

The "Schools for Monthly Meeting
Officers" approved last year have been
held during the year. A detailed report,
mimeographed with the Yearly Meeting
committee reports, was available to
Friends.

The Meeting welcomed Eva Stanley,
a visiting Friend from Iowa Yearly
Meeting (Conservative).

In response to a concern of
Cambridge Monthly Meeting in Ministry
and Council, the Meeting approved
having the discussion at the session
next year on the need for adequate
preparation of associate members of
our Meetings for full membership
and for bringing inactive members
into a greater commitment to the life
of the Meeting. Ethel Amery and Floyd
More were appointed as a committee
to make arrangements for this dis-
cussion, with power to ask others

to serve with them if additional members should be helped.

Ann Lowry, Florence Sellick, and George Blair were appointed as the nominating committee. The Meeting instructed this committee to bring forward names for clerk and assistant clerk to the 1957 session.

A letter was read from the Central Advisory Committee of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends asking this Meeting to be responsible for a Friends meeting, to be held at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire, on First Day, Eighth Month 19th, 1956, at 7 P. M. The Meeting agreed to undertake this responsibility and authorized its nominating committee to appoint a committee which should have the care of this meeting for worship.

The following Friends were appointed as the committee to have charge of the meetings for worship at the sessions of the 1957 Yearly Meeting: Vivid Palmer, Gertrude Smith, Harold Burnham, Mabel Thailly, and one member to be appointed by the Young Friends of the Yearly Meeting.

The Meeting entered its discussion on the theme of recording the spiritual condition

of local Meetings. Is there any unit by which we can measure the spiritual condition of a Meeting? Some units were suggested, but it was felt that perhaps any of us can have discernment enough to apply these measures to no one besides himself. We today have more hesitancy than some Friends in former generations in reporting forthrightly our spiritual gains and problems. The deepest value of these reports comes in the exercise faced by the local Meeting on Ministry and Council in drawing them up, particularly if the real problems of the Meeting are honestly faced and threaded out.

Edward Manire proposed that the names of the clerks of the Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Council should be included with the printed Minutes of the Yearly Meeting. He also suggested that it would be helpful to print the Quarterly Meeting reports on the spiritual condition of the Meetings, or a summary of the reports, in the book of minutes.

The ~~an~~ Meeting adjourned, intending to meet in 1957 at the time and place

appointed, if the Lord so wills.

Arthur Jones, Clerk
Vail Palmer, Assistant Clerk

1957

New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Council met at Auburndale, Massachusetts on Third Day, Sixth Month 18th, 1957.

The Meeting opened with a period of worship.

The nominating committee presented the names of Arthur Jones for clerk and Vail Palmer for assistant clerk. The Meeting approved these nominations for the present session.

The following Friends were appointed by the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Council to attend this Meeting:

Connecticut Valley - Theodore Paulkin,
Edward Manise, Jeannette Purdy.

Dover - Vail Palmer, Marian Mcader.

Falmouth - C. Dave Welby, Hattie O. Cox.

Rhode Island - Ann J. Lowry, Sarah N.
Gallagher, Thomas Perry, Louisa
White.

Salem - Gertrude Smith, James Wild,
Marian Kelsey.

Sandwich - Ida Mesner, Philip Cornell.

Smithfield - Melita Fisher, Susan L. Orr,
Edith Ware, Willard Ware.

Vassalboro - Lena Stevens, Robert Owen,
Arthur Jones, Virginia Towle.

Sixteen representatives were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The committee appointed to care for the Meeting for Worship at the Cathedral of the Pines in Eighth Month, 1956, reported that the Meeting was satisfactorily held, with Friends from a number of Meetings, as well as others, present.

The Meeting welcomed three visiting Friends: Homer and Mabel Coppock of Richmond, Indiana; Wilmer Cooper of Washington, D.C.; Mary Vate of Philadelphia and Ankara Turkey; Edith Reeve Solenberger of Philadelphia.

A ~~concern~~ was presented from Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, asking what should be done about the associate membership of children whose parents are members of different yearly meetings or monthly meetings. Various \pm meetings reported various procedures now practiced. The Meeting advised that monthly meetings ask parents their preference for

children's membership and act as a counter-
 balance in each particular case, giving
 especial weight to the parents' desire.

Helen Griffith, Willard Ware, and
 Elsie Coney were appointed as the nomin-
 ating committee. The Meeting instructed
 this committee to bring forth names for
 clerk and assistant clerk to the 1958
 session, to serve that session.

The following Friends were appointed
 as the committee to care for the meetings
 for worship at the 1958 Yearly Meeting:
 Winnifred Barrett, Ernest Weed, Peter
 Jonitis, and one member to be appointed by
 the Young Friends of the Yearly Meeting.

Elloyd Moore introduced the subject
 assigned for discussion this year: How do
 we prepare associate members for full
 membership and reactivate inactive members?
 Quaker books, schools and colleges, camps,
 institutes, and Junior Yearly Meeting can
 be useful aids in preparing young people
 of high school age for full membership. The
 decision should not be rushed. Some non-
 resident members should be encouraged
 to join meetings or churches where they can
 be active. But there are always cases
 which the meeting will have to treat on
 their own merits.

The minute of full birthright membership and associate or junior membership were discussed, with varying practices and preferences reported.

It was approved that this year's topic for discussion be referred back to Monthly and Quarterly Meetings for further discussion during the year and that it be discussed again at the session of this Meeting next year.

The minutes of this session were read and approved.

The Meeting adjourned, intending to meet in 1958 at the time and place appointed, if the Lord so will.

Arthur Jones, Clerk
Vivian Palmer, Assistant Clerk

1958 The Meeting on Sunday and Council was held at the home of the members on the beautiful campus of the Lake Geneva College, Lake Geneva, Switzerland, 1958, Arthur Jones, Clerk.

After a period of worship during which the voice of praise was heard under the covering of Christ's spirit, the meeting commenced with the names of John & Joseph and Elizabeth & Stephen for Clerk and Assistant Clerk for 1958-59. The meeting approved and the new Clerk took this place.

The roll of representation to this day from quarterly meetings on Sunday and Council was called. Twenty seven members of the Council, and for more about.

The Meeting was pleased to welcome the following friends who were visiting among us: Elizabeth Wright of Philadelphia and Milton Hadley of Indiana Yearly Meeting, former Field Secretary of New England Yearly Meeting, and presently Secretary of the Five Years Meeting Board of Peace and Social Concerns.

The Meeting then turned to the naming of persons to serve on the Nominating Committee of this body. Friends named were Alice Howland Macomber, Russell D. Brooks, and James P. Johnson. It is the duty of these friends to bring forward names of persons at the business of this body in 1959 to serve as clerks for the coming year.

The attention of the Meeting was also called to its responsibility for the daily devotion each day during the sessions of the Yearly Meeting, and for the Meeting for Worship on Fast Day. James A. Casey, Walter H. Wood, and Alice Goodland were appointed to serve as a committee to make these arrangements for 1959.

The suggestion that New England Yearly Meeting affiliate with the General Conference of Friends has engaged thoughtful and prolonged consideration in several monthly and quarterly meetings on Ministry and Council during the past year. One extended period of time to discussion of this question during which decision was deferred in anticipation of the recommendation to be given this winter by the Yearly Meeting next December Day morning.

Milton Hadley introduced a concern on behalf of the Five Years Meeting Board of Christian Relations that meetings on Ministry and Council everywhere be attractive to the leading of the Spirit in the arrangement

of our young people for service in the Ministry. New England Yearly Meeting, like others, has many pastoral meetings. Such meetings frequently find it necessary to seek leadership from other denominations, due to the limited number of such leaders who are trained. Such leadership should be coming forward from among the youth of our own meetings. The Board of Christian Vocations is also concerned that yearly meetings work together in attempting to coordinate their priorities in the training and recording of ministers. Numerous difficulties, and in a few instances actual brawls, have arisen due to the general lack of such coordination.

The Meeting received these concerns of the Five Years Meeting Board of Christian Vocations and gave serious consideration to them along with a concern from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting that Friends consider again their testimonies in regard to the sacraments. A committee was appointed to prepare a discussion of both of these important matters next year. Gertrude Smith, Ann Loring, Sara Gulliver, Cherry Perry, and Hannah Shefferman were named to this committee.

The Meeting, having concluded its business, settled into quiet worship. At their adjournment, purposing to meet at the appointed time and place in 1959.

Clark

Hannah Shefferman

Antonia Clark

1939

New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel
gathered at the Ball's Junior College, Cambridge, Massachusetts,
on Sixth Month, Twenty - Third, 1957.

The Meeting settled into a period of worship that was
marked in its solemnity by a sense of the burden laid upon
us for the world's suffering, and of the responsibility of the
calling with which we are called by the Divine Spirit in
our time. We are also made aware of the need of our
sanctity, in this time that is most destructively, for deeper
experiences of fellowship in the Christ that bind one with
another in unity and love, and in the faith that both
liberates and sustains. Of ourselves, individually, brought
as we have been to live and serve in strange, new
times, that are beyond all human precedent, we
would be reminded that the essential oneness
of mankind is now being authenticated by
science, as it has been known long ago by the
sacrament of the Christ. We pray that we may
be led to fulfill the inseparable promise, Christ
to his disciples: "Greater things than these shall ye do."
Most profoundly of all, we have felt in worship the
presence that "disturbs us with the joy of abiding
thought" and which remains as though all time and
eternity.

The report of the Ministry Committee was presented.
The names of Helen S. Taylor and Charles S. Hoffman were
brought forward for thank and doxology. The Meeting
approved.

The Minutes for the Meeting held Sixth Month,
Seventeenth, 1958, were read and approved.

The roll call of representatives appointed to this meeting from the Quarterly Meetings in Kentucky and Tennessee showed twenty-six present and five absent.

The following Friends who are visiting among us were welcomed: Ed and Catherine Parsons of the Kentucky Yearly Meeting, James G. Rice, representative secretary of the Tennessee Yearly Meeting, Emma Cuddeback of Philadelphia, and also one of the Pleasants, Arizona Yearly. Hannah Thomas, a teacher at Oak Grove School was also welcomed. Our hosts were warmed by the presence of these Friends, and we trust they will feel free to bring us any ministry that may be on their hearts. Caleb Smith brought greetings from Milton and Freda Stoddy.

The Meeting named the following persons to the nominating committee for the coming year: Arthur Fox, Gertrude Smith, and Henry Williams. It shall be the duty of this committee to lay forward names of persons in 1960 to serve as clerks.

Michael Shefferson, Walter Cox, Ernest Wood, and Phoebe Perry were appointed to serve on the Committee on Arrangements for the Sunday Sessions and for the Meeting for Worship on Friday during the sessions of the Yearly Meeting in 1961.

The report of the Committee appointed to make plans for a full discussion of the concerns about "Friends Institute in regard to national governments" and "The Living and Recording of Minutes" was presented by Gertrude Smith, chairman. Letters were addressed to all Yearly and Quarterly Meetings suggesting a reading of Friends Institute's Report to the Yearly Meeting, and suggestions have been made for the Annual

of the Yearly Meeting may be to begin with a reading of the full Yearly Meeting rather than of Ministry and Council and to present the proposed suggestion that Ministry and Council meet on the first evening of the Yearly Meeting session. During the discussion need was voiced that the Yearly Meeting of Yearly Meeting be a Meeting for worship. A full hour of worship would set the tone, or the mood, of the Yearly Meeting session which are to continue. This would be preferable to a pre-arranged address or session of business. It was approved that the Yearly Meeting Committee on Arrangements in consultation with the Clerks of this body and such other persons come forward with a report on this matter in 1860.

The Meeting was pleased to receive the report from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting that Peter Smith has been recorded a Minister among Friends, and is now enroute to the Hindell East to devote a year of service as Friends work there.

As reported earlier by Farkende Smith, a panel had been arranged, consisting of Charles H. Swetland, Caliphman C. Ruffy, and Arthur May, to lead this Meeting in a discussion of the subject: "Friends' Testimonies in Relation to the Sacraments." Members of the panel were forwarded with Farkende Smith, chairman of the committee, who presided over the discussion period. The Meeting was led into a much understanding of the meaning of Friends' views of the Sacraments and the relation of Q. The institution of the Sacraments was considered very truly, as directed by the Scriptures, as

the light of the spiritual food which has been brought to many of our Christian brethren. However, the outward sacrament does not fit into the life of Christ. There can be no division between the word and sacrament in the view of Christ, as the practice of the sacrament is found to be a privilege. Communion and baptism are profoundly positive in the life of the Church, and are life in a sacrament.

Colly Smith introduced the question of representation of this society at a conference to study the future of Christ House on Chestnut Street, Beacon Hill, Boston. This conference is to be held at Woodman Hill August 7-9, 1859. Edward Francis and David W. Elliston were appointed to represent this body, and the Church was asked to send, if possible.

The minutes of this meeting were read and approved.

With gratitude for the leadings of Christ's Divine Spirit, and for the power of his presence among us during these deliberations, we now, in the love and unity which flow from his spirit, conclude this meeting, promising to meet again with Divine assistance at the appointed time and place in 1860.

Clark

Charles H. Buffum

Committee Clerk

1960

The New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met, according to appointment, in Smith Auditorium, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, at 2³⁰ PM on sixth month, twenty-first day, 1960.

Helia Taylor, clerk, read the opening minute which was followed by a period of silent worship and expression of the hope that we might catch again the vision of George Fox of an "ocean of light" overflowing an "ocean of darkness" and the gathering of a great people.

The nominating committee brought forward the names of the following persons to serve as clerks of this meeting: as clerk - Herbert Huffman, and as reading clerk - George Little. The meeting approved. A minute was requested and read to show appreciation for the previous services as clerk by Helia Taylor.

The roll of representatives from the various quarterly meetings on ministry and counsel was called:

Connecticut Valley - Helen Griffith, John Kallalbach, and Edward Manire; and Thomas Crowe (absent) as alternate.

Over - Myron Jenness and Rolfe Richardson.

Falmouth - Ella H. Smart, Hattie C. Cox, Mary Ware, T. Ernest Wood, Lucy C. Graham, Albert R. Ware, and Alice Trambam (absent).

Northwest - Kenneth Webb (absent), Thomas D. S. Bassett, Patricia Naeye, Richard Naeye; and as alternates - Susan Webb and Susan Chambers (absent).

Rhode Island - Jeanne Smith, Edward White (absent), and Thyra Jane Foster.

Salem - Herbert Huffman, James Wilder,

Daisy Newman, George Sellick, Ruth Mellow, Grace Atkins, and Samuel Burgess (absent).

Sunderich - Ernest H. Wood, Esther Wood (absent), Ida M. Mesner, Earle O. Wilson, Joseph L. Hiller, Philip H. Cornell, and Florence Carr.

Smithfield - Willard Ware, Melita Fisher, Ruth Dow (absent), Thomas Fisher, and Edith Ware (absent).

Vassalboro - Grace Frost and Robert Olson.

The meeting was pleased to welcome the following visiting friends: George Scherer, Administrative Secretary of the American Friends Board of Missions; and Howard and Margaret Alexander of Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana.

The following persons were named to serve on the nominating committee and to bring forward at the next session of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel (this week) the names of persons to serve as clerks of the meeting for the year 1961: John Kattenbach and Ernest H. Wood.

The following persons were named to serve on the committee on arrangements for worship groups and for the first-day meeting for worship during the Yearly Meeting session of 1961: Edward Manire, Russell Brooks, and Lelia Taylor.

Edward Manire presented brief comments concerning Yearly Meeting statistics as a continuation of the concern for the nurture of our younger members. He noted that in some meetings there are more associate members over 21 years

of age than there are members under 21 years.

The committee appointed one year ago to prepare a discussion for this session of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel on the subject of "the training and sending of ministers" made its report, through its convener, Gertrude Smith. The ensuing brief discussion was led by Russell Brooks who noted the differences among friends in the matter of sending ministers and in preparing for meetings for worship. Other Friends spoke of some of the more likely ways of overcoming these differences and of guides to the "gathering in" of meetings for worship.

A continuations committee was appointed with the following membership: Thyra Jane Foster (convener), Ruth Mellow, Herbert Hoffman, Edna Hawland, George Little, and Helen Cuffith. This committee was asked to report to a second session of this meeting (later this week) with a proposal for the organization of Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel in such a way that longer and more planned discussions on topics under the care of ministry and counsel might be held annually.

, clerk,
George T. Little, recording clerk.

At a special session of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at 9 p.m. on fifth day, sixth month 23rd, 1960, at Brunswick, Maine.

The nominating committee offers the names of Herbert Huffman for Clerk and George Little for Recording Clerk, to serve through the 1961 session. These names are approved.

The Continuation Committee appointed at our session on third day, sixth month 21st, made the following report:

"We are agreed that there should be a Continuation Committee for the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel which should meet on Committee Day in the fall and at such other times as they think necessary.

"We suggest that it be made up of one member and one alternate from each Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel; that these appointments be made at the sessions of each Quarterly Meeting following Yearly Meeting and hold office through the following Yearly Meeting.

"This Committee would be expected during the year to consider topics of interest to the Monthly and Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Counsel which it would present to them. From the reactions and contributions of these subordinate meetings, they would then be able to discern the most pertinent topics for consideration at the Yearly Meeting on

Ministry and Council session.

"The Clerk of the Yearly Meeting or Ministry and Council should be the chairman unless they decide otherwise.

"We also suggest that after the Nominating Committee has reported its nominations for 1961, that another Nominating Committee be appointed which will report next year for the 1962 officers. This arrangement will continue in order that the clerks who will carry through a Yearly Meeting session will be appointed one year ahead of the session. New clerks will then take office at the end of a Yearly Meeting session. The report of the Continuation Committee is accepted.

Grace Atkins, Winifred Osborne and Edward Maine are appointed a Nominating Committee to report in 1961 for clerks to serve through the 1962 session.

This meeting asks the Yearly Meeting Arrangements Committee in consultation with the Continuation Committee of Ministry and Council to consider the following excerpt from our minutes in 1959:

"Rhod Island Quarterly Meeting or Ministry and Council presented a concern about the opening session of the Yearly Meeting. It is felt that a preferable arrangement in the program of the Yearly Meeting may be to begin with a gathering of the full Yearly Meeting rather than of Ministry and Council as at present.

The proposal suggests that Ministry and Counsel meet on the first evening of the yearly Meeting session. "

During the discussion need was voiced for the opening meeting of yearly Meeting to be a meeting for worship. A full hour of worship would set the tone or the mood of the yearly Meeting sessions which are to follow. This would be preferable to a prearranged address or session of business.

Then adjourned to meet at a time appointed in 1961.

[Theresa Jane Foster, Clerk for the session]
by Gary Little

5/XI/1960

The Constitution Committee of New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met December seventh, fifth day, 1960, at the Townshend Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Herbert Huffman and George Little served as convenor and temporary secretary, respectively.

After a period of worship, the convenor read the minutes from the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel on sixth month, 23rd day, 1960, which directed the appointment and purposes of this committee.

The Committee then named Herbert Huffman chairman and George Little secretary to serve until Yearly Meeting, 1961.

The role of representation from constituent Quarterly Meetings was called. The following answered to their names:

Connecticut Valley: Helen Griffith and Harold Clifton;

Dover: David Curtis and Myron Jernoss;

Taunton: Hattie O. Cox;

Northwest: George Little;

Rhode Island: Grace Hardy and Phibe Perry;

Salem: Gary McCardhol;

Sandwich: Ernest Weed and Harry Allen;

Smithfield: Walter Jones and Robert Col.

The Meeting then entered upon a discussion of the program for the session of Ministry and Counsel at Yearly Meeting in 1961. A minute was prepared asking ~~the~~ Phibe Perry to take to the Committee on Arrangements for Yearly Meeting a proposal that Friends gather on second day evening. The Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel could then convene.

at 10 a. m. on Thursday for ~~the~~ conducting business; and gather in the afternoon to discuss deeper matters of the spirit. The Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel would be considered an open meeting and the topics to be discussed will be announced in the program of Yearly Meeting.

A subcommittee of Major Jones (convenor), Robert Cook, Herbert Huffman, and Ernest Wood was appointed to prepare queries which might make for specific preparation for later meetings when discussed in local meetings.

The meeting decided to return to the Central Advisory Committee a report of a planned conference of clerks and members of meetings on ministry and counsel, with the explanation that this committee is not presently authorized to consider such matters but with an expression of encouragement to the Central Advisory Committee that the conference planning proceed.

Other matters referred to this committee were felt to be such as might wait until the next session of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, this since no action is required, only the receipt of the communication.

This meeting wishes to affirm the arrangement of last year for the opening session of Yearly Meeting when Miss Bailey brought a short message. We leave the making of similar arrangements for next year with the Arrangements Committee.

Adjourned at noon to meet next at luncheon on second month, 22nd day, 1961.

Long T. Little secretary

22/11/1961

The Continuation Committee of New England Family Meeting on Ministry and Counsel met at Cambridge Friends Center, second month, twenty-second day, nineteen sixty-one. The meeting began in silent worship.

A letter was received from George Little, secretary, expressing regret that he cannot be present today because of teaching duties.

Minutes of the meeting held eleventh month, fifth, nineteen sixty were read and approved.

The roll of representation was called. Six were present in addition to Herbert Keppner, chairman, and Louis Marshall, Family Meeting Secretary.

The sub-committee, named in eleventh month to bring forward suggestions for study and discussion by the Ministry and Counsel at its session in the Family Meeting, eighth month nineteen sixty-one, made its report. A letter has been prepared for mailing to meetings on Ministry and Counsel throughout the Family Meeting in which questions are formulated for the consideration of Friends on the subject of "New Dimensions of Ministry among Friends Today". A panel of three will be appointed to make presentation of this subject at the afternoon meeting of Ministry and Counsel in June. This panel presentation will be followed by open discussion on the part of Ministry and Counsel during the evening meeting. Ernest Reed will serve as chairman of the panel. The Committee approves of this report and of the arrangements specified therein.

A concern from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, dated eighth month, twenty-seventh, nineteen sixty, with respect to the meeting for worship on Feary Meeting Sunday in nineteen sixty-one was presented and considered. The minutes requested that the meeting for worship on Feary Meeting Sunday be a programmed meeting in nineteen sixty-one. After due consideration, the Continuation Committee approves of this request from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, and requests that the Committee on Worship proceed with arrangements accordingly. Herbert Huffman was asked, because of his familiarity with the Continuation Committee's discussion of this matter, to meet with the Committee on Worship at the time that it makes the arrangements for the Sunday morning meeting for worship.

Herbert Huffman was requested to lay before the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel in its session next June the question of the scope of the responsibility assigned to the Continuation Committee. Specifically, the question is whether the Continuation Committee is confined only to the consideration of matters which have been forwarded to it by the Ministry and Counsel, or if this Committee, as a delegate body, should in effect serve as a Ministry and Counsel out of session.

The Committee then retired into worship and adjourned.

[Herbert Huffman, chairman]
by George Little, secretary

20/12/1961

The New England Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel of the Religious Society of Friends gathered in its annual session on the campus of Princeton College in Brunswick, Maine at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of eighth month, 20th day, 1961-

The Clerk, Herbert Huffman, read the opening minute and the meeting settled into a period of silent worship.

The names of representatives from Quarterly Meetings were called. From the thirty six persons appointed as representatives, twenty-eight answered to their names or were known to be at the session of this Yearly Meeting.

Groton/Valley Quarterly Meeting: Helen Griffith, Edward Monice, and Rex Shaper (absent).

Orono Quarterly Meeting: Bruce Kellogg and Windsor-Colebrook.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting: Hattie C. Cox, Lavinia J. Wainstall, Alice B. Farnham, Gloria Smith, George R. Hutchinson, and Rosemary Day (absent).

Northwest Quarterly Meeting: Elizabeth Ballard, Mary Williams, Rebecca Williams, George Little Thomas Barrett, Mildred Morse, and John A. Sullivan.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting: Ruth White, John Kellan and Phoebe Perry (absent).

Salmon Quarterly Meeting: Herbert Huffman, John Hinkley, Lydia Falletts, Annie Demier, Marion Kellogg, Theodore Waring, and Corliss Smith (absent).

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting: Harry W. Allen, Gladys M. Cofford, and Alva Hinkley Macomber (absent).

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting: William W. Eldred, Edith W. W., and Melita F. W.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting: Lora Sturges and Grace Frost.

The Meeting was pleased to welcome the following visiting Friends: David Kenley of Five Years Meeting Staff; Harold and Amy Hall of Western Yearly Meeting; David Pord of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting; and Howard Alexander of Richmond, Indiana.

The Meeting noted the passing of Albert N. Smith of North Fairfield Meeting, at the age of ninety-seven, after more than fifty years as a minister in the Religious Society of Friends.

The report of the Continuation Committee of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel was submitted (as recorded in the minutes for 22/II/1961), and received. The Meeting was of the view that the Continuation Committee should serve as the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel unless the latter is not in session, and should make decisions on behalf of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel as occasions may require.

The Nominating Committee brought forward the names of Mabel G. Bailey as Clerk and George T. Little as Recording Clerk for this Meeting. The Meeting approved the report. These Friends will take their positions at the close of this session, and will serve until the close of the session in 1962.

The following Friends were appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee for the coming year: Ernest A. Weed, Lelia Taylor and George Sellick. This Committee will bring forward to the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel in 1962 the names of Friends to serve as Clerk and Recording Clerk beginning with the close of the session in 1962 and continuing through the session in 1963.

The following Friends were named to serve on the Worship Committee for the Yearly Meeting Sessions of 1962: Marea Bailey, Hattie O. Cox, and Marian Kehay.

Minutes were read from Smithfield Monthly Meeting, and

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting concerning Robert H. Col as a Minister of the Gospel in the Religious Society of Friends. This meeting fast united with the Smithfield Meetings in the solemnity and joy of receiving the Ministry.

A minute was received from the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting concerning a proposed affiliation of the Pleasant Street Meeting in Worcester. The matter was referred to the Continuation Committee which is asked to report next year to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel. In the meanwhile the Continuation Committee may enter upon any appropriate effort of recruitment.

The Meeting approved messages of greeting to be sent to Gertrude Smith, Myron Jones, and Arthur Jones, all of whom would have been present but for reasons of health.

The Meeting approved a minute of appreciation for the faithful and rewarding service of Robert Hoffman, who is retiring as Clerk of Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel at the close of this session.

Two minutes from the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel were received and read (Minute 6 of 6/1960, and Minute 3 of 6/1961.) These draw the attention of the Meeting to various ways of encouraging and fostering the spiritual preparation of all members for ministry in our meetings through the use of Beacon Hill Friends House, Rendell Hill, Waldman Hill and other centers; personal and family prayer, and Bible study. The London Discipline was quoted: "We should help one another, whether in silence or through spoken prayer or words of ministry. Let none of us assume that vocal ministry is never to be our part."

Following these minutes a panel discussion on "New Dimensions

for 'Ministry among Friends Today' was presented with Ernest H. Reed as chairman and the assistance of Louise Alger, George Sellide and John B. Sullivan. The panel began with a definition of that vocation and experience of ministry among Friends, agreeing that ministry is service in a variety of ways. The discussion also showed agreement in the affirmation that every Friend has a responsibility for preparation to receive the Divine Impulse, and that in the vocal ministry of our meetings we should encourage Friends 'not to not speak'. The discussion was a preparation for the evening session of Yearly Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at three forty-five o'clock to meet again, if in accord with the Divine Will, at the time of the Yearly Meeting Session in 1962.

Herbert Huffman, Clerk

by
George T. Little, Recording Clerk

